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The 2022 winners of the scholarship program that's administered by the Department of Public Lands pose for a souvenir picture.

Camacho tops DPL's 2022 scholarship

Kiana Mae Camacho, a sophomore at the Northern Marianas College majoring in Natural Resource Management, has topped this year the scholarship program that is administered through the Department of Public Lands.

The scholarship, which asks applicants to write an essay in response to a land-related question, also saw Crystal Songsong and Jaden Villa-

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1 more commissioner needed to avoid jeopardizing election

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REPORTER

Just four days before the general election next week, it has become urgent to appoint another Commonwealth Election Commission board member so as not to jeopardize the Nov. 8 general election.

» At present, CEC board has 6 members, but one is leaving CNMI before the election

It was learned that, although the CEC currently has six commissioners, which should be enough to push through with the election, one of them is due to leave the CNMI before Nov. 8, thus creating a lack in the required number of commissioners who must be present to carry out the election.

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NMA: Over 47K Aussie visitors estimated in Phase 1

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If Northern Marianas Airways' plans go forward, they're looking at a capacity of over 47,000 seats from three weekly flights from Australia.

During a recent tour on Saipan of a Boeing 757-200 aircraft—the type that NMA plans to use—an information sheet from NMA indicated that they're looking at 47,060 seats from Australia for Phase

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MARK RABAGO
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, right, poses with Northern Pacific Airways CEO Rob McKinney, standing left, and Cabinets officials at the introduction of Northern Marianas Airways' Boeing 757-200 aircraft last month.

Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan is now open to welcome guests to the Marianas

TOGETHER, WE CAN

By ROBERT COATES
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Robert Coates is the general manager of Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan. Starting his career with the InterContinental Hotels Group in 2000, Coates has successfully led operations across a number of IHG properties past and present in Australia and New Zealand. Last year, he joined the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan team as the general manager and has led the opening project team since.

The InterContinental Hotels Group, along with key Crowne Plaza Resort management and Tan Holdings Corp., had the pleasure of hosting the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan's ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 31. After 19 months of renovations, the newest Crown Plaza Resort

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AS PART OF HOME FIRE CAMPAIGN

Free smoke alarms installed

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter partnered with the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Team, and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to kick off the Home Fire Campaign in the CNMI last Oct. 22, 2022,

The month of October has been designated as Fire Prevention Month and this year's theme is "Plan Your Escape, Fire Won't Wait."

Most of us don't realize we have just two minutes to escape a home fire, which is the nation's most frequent disaster. That's why the American Red Cross and its partners are preparing families to act quickly through the Home Fire Campaign.

"Through targeted outreach and strategic partnerships, we are connecting with families across the islands and educating kids about the importance of home fire safety and general disaster preparedness" said JD Tenorio, disaster program manager of the American Red Cross.

"In our line of work, every second counts. …Installing smoke alarms in homes gives families a greater chance of surviving home fires" said Robert Mojica, DFEMS public information officer. "We encourage families to create home fire escape maps and have a designated meeting place outside away from the home where they can wait for firefighters to arrive."

John Hirsh, executive director of the American Red Cross, said, "We are extremely grateful for the strong partnerships we have with DFEMS, HSEM, and ARFF. It is through these partnerships that the Home Fire Campaign has been extremely successful in the CNMI."

Since 2017, the American Red Cross and its partners have installed over 1,000 smoke alarms across Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, effectively making over 450 homes safer.

The Red Cross and its partners plan to continue installing smoke alarms throughout Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the coming months through next year.

For more information on how to avail of the free smoke alarm installations, call the NMI Chapter office at 234-3459 or send an email to nmichapter@redcross.org. Type "Free Smoke Alarms" on the email subject line and provide your name, contact number, address, and village in the email. ***(PR)***

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Torres donates $100K to NMC Foundation

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CORRESPONDENT

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres donated yesterday $100,000 to the Northern Marianas College Foundation, with the money to be used for scholarships that will enhance access to higher education for students in the CNMI.

Torres turned over a ceremonial check to, among others, NMC president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero and NMC Foundation chair Ben Babauta, at the Board of Regents conference room at the NMC campus in As Terlaje.

The governor's donation was prompted in part by a question raised at an] Oct. 19 town hall meeting hosted by NMC, when he was asked about his plans for students who may otherwise not be qualified for scholarship funds to be able to get financial assistance.

At the town hall meeting, Torres said he will be giving $100,000 to the NMC Foundation so that the college can help students who are not qualified for other scholarship programs.

At the check presentation yesterday, Torres said, "An educated community is best for all of us, and, by giving opportunity for every student who calls the CNMI home, it only benefits all of us…"

Babauta said that NMC used to have scholarships under the NMC Foundation "and that's something that we want to revive."

"This is really truly [remarkable] for our students… We have over 1,300 students now, it's growing really fast," he added.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres donates $100,000 to the Northern Marianas College Foundation on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022. The money will be used as scholarships to enhance access to higher education for students in the CNMI. In photo with Torres is NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D., NMC Foundation chair Ben Babauta, the NMC Board of Regents, NMC Foundation board members, Associated Students of NMC president Anushi Joshi, ASNMC officers, and NMC faculty and staff. LEIGH GASES

Deleon Guerrero the donation basically completes the Proa Promise. "That promise is 100% met and that's something that we're going to work very closely with the Board of Regents and the foundation to fulfill, and it really does fulfill the promise of higher education..."

The "Proa Promise Program" provides NMC students a "last-dollar scholarship," meaning the program will cover the cost of tuition and mandatory fees that are not covered by the Pell grant, other federal financial aid, CNMI Scholarship grants, municipal scholarships (Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, Tinian Municipal Scholarship, or Rota Municipal Scholarship), military educational benefits, and private scholarships.

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Torres, Sablan vote on 3rd day of early voting

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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), voted at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday afternoon, which was the third day of the seven-day early voting on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Torres and Sablan were accompanied by their respective spouses, siblings, family members, Republican Party officials and supporters, and some Cabinet members. Many people also voted yesterday at the multi-purpose center.

» Many people vote on 3rd day of the 7-day early voting

Torres and Sablan are the Republican Party's bets for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, in the Nov. 8 general elections.

The governor, in an interview shortly before voting, said the community knows that he has treated people the right way and with respect, despite all the criticisms and all the negativities thrown at him.

"I was born and raised with respect and I continue to implement that, not just to my kids but to everyone that are here in the CNMI," Torres said.

He said whether it's political year or not, the people should never lose their culture of being respectful.

"I care for our people and I know that I've put all my sweat and blood, and the love of my people and I hope that they see that," the governor said.

As to why he is voting early, Torres said his group is just excited and wanted to do it today.

He said they actually wanted to do it last Wednesday, but because it was All Souls Day, they opted to respect that day for people to observe the tradition. He said tomorrow, which is Citizenship Day in the CNMI, is a holiday, so they just want to focus and come out to vote today.

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres hands over his identification card to a staff of the Commonwealth Election Commission to vote at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday afternoon. Behind the governor is first lady Diann Tudela Torres.

Commonwealth Election Commission election register clerk Christina K. Norita gives back to Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan) his identification card before allowing the latter to proceed inside to vote at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday afternoon.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

CAMACHO

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crusis taking second and third place, respectively. The essay topic this year was "Should Article 12 be maintained, abolished or amended and why?" Article 12 is the constitutional clause that limits landownership in the CNMI to those of Northern Marianas descent.

In a news release yesterday, it stated that Camacho entered the contest to avail of the funds that will help her pay for her tuition and books.

"This very land holds a history rich in culture and traditions, and is built on the strength of our indigenous people. The land and ocean that make up the CNMI is responsible for our ways of life. We should always honor and protect the roots that we come from, *i aire, i hanom, i tano*," said Camacho.

Songsong, an NMC freshman majoring in Business Management, took second place in the competition, while Villacrusis, an NMC sophomore majoring in Natural Resource Management, took third place.

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ELECTION

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Commonwealth Election Commission board chair Jesus I. Sablan underscored yesterday the importance of having seven CEC commissioners when he asked the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations to confirm Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' appointment of fire inspector Jonathan Christopher A. Manglona as a CEC commissioner representing Tinian and Aguiguan.

The CEC board, which currently has six members, needs at least five to have a quorum, said Sablan during the committee's public hearing on the appointment of Manglona at the Tinian Courthouse.

Sablan said one of the commissioners will be leaving the CNMI probably before the Nov. 8 general elections. He said it will come down to only five board members present in the CNMI, but if commissioner John Attao, who is representing Tinian and Aguiguan, will not make it to Election Day for a meeting, then the election will be jeopardized.

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1 if its planned operation of two flights per week from Brisbane and three flights per week from Sydney is realized.

The new airline is also looking at bringing in exactly the same passenger load from South Korea in Phase 2 for five flights per week from Seoul, while Phase 3 targeting Japan is more ambitious, with exactly 65,884 seats available for seven flights per week.

"The commencement of Northern Marianas Airways' services from the CNMI will deliver significant airline seat capacity to drive tourist arrivals," the CNMI-based carrier said.

The "Fast Fact" sheet provided also contends that "island sun holiday destinations, which boast the service of a national or island-based airline are showing significant tourist arrival recovery."

For instance, tourism arrival recovery for Seychelles (96.8%), Maldives (92.3%), Mauritius (80.9%), and Fiji (80.8%) all have shown significant upswing in July, August, and September this year compared to 2019 numbers.

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opened its doors in the Marianas to welcome guests from around the world. As the resort's general manager, I can say with certainty that my team and I were humbled by the support we received that night from guests who joined us, many of whom have known us for the past 18 years as the former Fiesta Resort.

As part of one of the world's largest hotel groups, IHG offers the Marianas a unique opportunity to enter new markets and increase its share of existing markets by leveraging IHG's global sales network and distribution channels. As an international brand, Crowne Plaza supports the growth of the CNMI as a destination by providing confidence to visitors looking for a branded experience, which is especially important to visitors who may be new to the destination.

To better promote the Marianas as a destination, IHG offers a global loyalty program called IHG One Rewards, which has more than 100 million members, another fantastic avenue for exposure for the Marianas. With strong support from our IHG regional offices and sister Crowne Plaza Hotels & Resorts in key markets, we are optimistic about contributing to the CNMI's economic growth and being a strong industry partner.

Our industry has been through incredibly difficult times, and as we continue on the journey to recovery, it's important that all CNMI tourism partners work closely with the Marianas Visitors Authority to articulate a clear message to our markets. We are optimistic about the CNMI's tourism future for the next five years and are committed to supporting the growth of CNMI as a destination. We will do this by tapping into new markets and enhancing the overall visitor experience by offering a premier product in a completely refurbished property.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of November 04, 2022

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. U.S.A. Fanter Corporation, Ltd.	08/05/2022 SMS-2012-X-061-A1	Cement Batching Plant & Hollow Block Facility	Kannat Tabla,	Major Siting Saipan	On Hold
2. Atkins Kroll (Saipan), Inc.	08/15/2022 SMS-2022-056	AK Toyota Lexus Saipan Dealership Facility	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Major Siting	Approved* 10/27/2022
3. Department of Public Works (DPW)	09/21/2022 SS-2022-062	Route 33 – Beach Road Repair (CDBG – Disaster Relief)	Beach Road Oleai - Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting	Application Review*
4. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC)	10/03/2022 SSWPI-2017-X-063-A1	Lower Base Sewer Phase II - Gravity Mains	Lowerbase, Saipan	Shoreline, Wetlands & Mangroves, Ports & Industrial	Approved 10/24/2022
5. Department of Public Works (DPW)	10/21/2022 SW-2018-X-062-A1	Kannat Tabla Road, Flood Control & Drainage System Improvement Project	Kannat Tabla, Saipan	Wetlands & Mangroves	Under Review
6. Department of Land & Natural Resources – Division of Fish & Wildlife (DLNR-DFW)	10/21/2022 SPIm-2023-003	Construction & Installation of One Boat Canopy	Lowerbase, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 11/01/2022
7. Town House, Inc.	10/25/2022 SCHm-2023-009	Demolition & Construction of Concrete Pad	Chalan Kanoa, Saipan	Coastal Hazard	Under Review*
8. Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)	10/28/2022 SSm-2023-004	Christmas Illumination of Lights	Beach Road, Saipan	Shoreline	Under Review*
9. Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)	10/28/2022 SSm-2023-005	Christmas in the Marianas	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved* 11/01/2022
10. Morito Asai dba Aquasmith	10/31/2022 SSLRm-2023-006	Underwater Treasure Hunt	San Roque, Saipan	Shoreline, Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
11. Saipan Surf Company	11/01/2022 SSLRm-2023-007	Boogie Down Surf Competition	Obyan Beach, Saipan	Shoreline, Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
12. Thanks Saipan Corporation	11/02/2022 SPIm-2023-008	Dry-Dock M/V Ocean Star	Lowerbase, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Under Review*

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

8 more Chinese nationals indicted for illegal entry attempt

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REPORTER

The U.S. government has indicted eight other Chinese nationals for allegedly pooling money together to buy a boat that they later used to enter Guam illegally in an attempt to evade immigration processing.

The United States, represented by assistant U.S. Attorney Albert Flores Jr., has indicted eight others on the charge of conspiracy to transport illegal aliens.

The defendants in this indictment are Li Fu, Li Xiang, Wang Shuyuan, Lu Haiyan, Zeng Guosheng, Shangguan Xunan, Liu Ying, And Wu Xiuying.

Prior to this indictment, the United States indicted Sun Xiaojuan, Zhang Liangxian, Gao Bingxing, Jin Suling, and Zhang Weifu for the same charges and allegations.

Both groups of Chinese nationals are facing charges of conspiracy to transport illegal aliens. They allegedly chipped in to buy a boat that they later used to transport themselves and four others to Guam to avoid immigration.

As of press time, only three arrest warrants have been issued for Lu Haiyan, Li Fu, and Zeng Guosheng. It is presumed that the District Court for the NMI is still working on the writ of removals for the five remaining defendants.

A writ of removal, in this case, directs the removal of the defendants from Guam's U.S Marshals Service custody so they can answer the indictment filed against them in the CNMI.

As of yesterday, one of the three individuals arrested in this case, Zeng, has pleaded not guilty to the charges filed against him. His jury trial is set for January 10, 2023. Meanwhile Lu and Li have yet to be arraigned.

According to the indictment, on July 2022, the defendants pooled their money to purchase a boat for $20,000 on Saipan.

The boat, which is approximately 20 feet long with a fiberglass hull and motorized propeller, with CNMI boat registration number CM 4718 PU, was used by the eight defendants to travel from the CNMI to Guam on or about July 25, 2022.

Flores claims that the defendants used the boat to get to Guam because they wanted to avoid immigration processes that was anticipated if travel was completed by commercial airplane.

Authorities located the boat in the Hagatna Boat Basin on July 25, 2022.

It was later learned that the defendants do not have, nor at the time of the alleged offense did they have, valid legal immigration status.

If found guilty, the United States wants the defendants to forfeit any conveyance used to carry out the offense they are being charged for, "including any vessel, vehicle, or aircraft used in the commission of the offense of which the defendants are convicted; and any property real or personal—that constitutes, or is derived from or is traceable to proceeds obtained directly or indirectly from the commission of the offense of which the defendants are convicted; or that is used to facilitate, or is intended to be used to facilitate, the commission of the offense of which the defendants are convicted," the indictment stated.

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AGROFORESTRY CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR NMC-CREES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NMC RFP 23-001

Northern Marianas College, Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services (CREES) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for Agroforestry Consultant Services. The specifications and Scope of Work package may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. P, commencing Friday, October 21, 2022 between the hours of 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Preproposal meeting is scheduled on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 09:00am – 10:00am, CNMI ChST via Zoom meeting room. Attendance is strongly recommended. **Zoom ID No. 959 331 4250.**

Proposal Packages: Due no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 21, 2022, Saipan time at the Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. P, Saipan, MP 96950. Article 7, **"Local Business Preference"**, as amended by Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local vendors in this procurement.

Proposers located outside of the CNMI: You may request a copy of the RFP via email to Christina Cruz (christina.cruz@marianas.edu).

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/s/ Christina Cruz
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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

NMHC hereby publicly discloses that on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, **Rolando G. Decena & Theodora SN Decena** immediate family members of **Rovana D. Litulumar, an employee of NMHC**, applied for assistance under the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Housing Program.

Said applicant has been determined to be a member of a group or class of low-income persons intended to be beneficiaries of the assisted activity and is applying to receive generally the same benefits being made available to the group or class. Ms. Litulumar is not and shall not be involved in the handling of this loan application.

NMHC discloses this possible conflict pursuant to 24 CFR 92.356 in order to allow any interested persons to comment before the application is considered for an exception under the applicable conflict regulations.

Any comments should be submitted to NMHC on or before Friday, November 18, 2022. Written comments may be faxed to Fax No.: **(670) 234-9451**, mailed to P.O. Box 500514 Saipan, MP 96950, or emailed to cnmi-cdbg-dr@nmhcgov.net.

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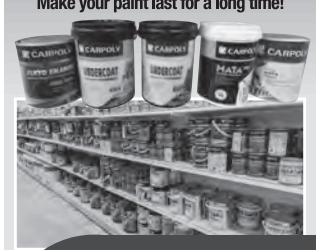

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By LEIGH GASES
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An after-school program of Marianas High School called the "Heart 2 Heart for Life" health awareness initiative was able to serve 70 people during an outreach at the Garapan Fishing Base last Saturday, which coincided with the Sabalu Market.

The free outreach, which had students participating in after-school programs, as well as teacher aides and volunteers, performed free blood pressure checks for interested members of the public.

The outreach was part of their activities for Project STEM, with this outreach in the health science category.

"Part of our activity is… learning how we can really live a sustainable future. … This is one of our activities to do a community outreach, to serve the community because not everybody can have access," said Cynthia Ferrari, who is a special education teacher at MHS.

After the event, organizers described the "Heart to Heart for Life" outreach as a success, prompting them to consider of expanding it to about three times a month.

The outreach will happen again tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Garapan Fishing Base during the Sabalu Market, from 8am to 11am, and on Nov. 12, from 8am to 11am, at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion across the Ada Gym in Susupe.

The last time this outreach was done was at the Marianas Business Plaza parking lot in early 2020, where they served 90 people. They stopped when the pandemic hit.

MHS is one of the beneficiaries of Project TEAMS or Twice Exceptional Students Achieving and Matriculating in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. MHS ran it as Project STEM in 2015 and ended in 2019, and was a five-year development program for students with special needs who have potential in science and math and are interested in STEM.

180's MADHOUSE production draws over 400 spectators

By CHRYSTAL MARINO
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Over 400 spectators attended the 180's Halloween play MADHOUSE at the show's venue in Chalan Piao last Monday night.

Many participants, sporting colorful and creative Halloween costumes, filled the line that was created, and as parking space was limited, cars parked as far as the Hopwood Middle School and MGM building. After its initial show, the production held two more reruns of the play that night in order to accommodate the crowd.

The Halloween-themed play highlighted hard issues such as drug abuse and domestic violence, but the main focus overall was on mental health, ending with a message of hope and faith.

Among those who attended the event was Kagman resident Brian Somol. "I think that it's exciting to see people have fun, and also to know that the event is a really safe one to go to, that parents can drop off their kids and come back to pick them up," said Somol. "Not only was it safe, it was also moving to see and hear them [other attendees] tell me that the play was so moving that it makes them want to respond and change."

Many others echoed similar sentiments, expressing they were truly touched and some were moved to tears.

Speaking on behalf of the 180, Ed Patrick Pelisamen thanked all of those who saw the play and to the production team who had been working hard for the event. "I honestly felt so blessed to have a team that comes together and we all have the same vision," he said.

Previously known as The Underground in the CNMI, the 180 has been serving the community for over 30 years, using the field of entertainment to highlight coming-of-age issues and bringing hope through faith.

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A 180 usher hands out candies to trick-or-treaters after the MADHOUSE production in Chalan Piao Monday night.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Koblerville COVID-19 Community Center closed on Nov. 8

The Koblerville COVID-19 Community Center will be closed on Nov. 8, 2022 for Election Day. The KC3 site will be utilized as an official voting site on that day. ***(PR)***

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day

The CNMI Office of the Governor, the CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs, and the Veterans Day Committee are inviting the public to join this year's Veterans Day Ceremony at the American Memorial Park, Court of Honor, on Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 at 11am. ***(PR)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

- Civil Action
- No. 22-0221

THE ESTATE OF DAE KYU KO, Deceased.

- AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
- Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022
- Time: 10:00 am
- Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE DAE KYU KO, OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joon H. Oh has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Dae Kyu Ko, the deceased, and to appoint Joon H. Oh as the Administrator of the Estate. The attorney for Petitioner is Charity R. Hodson, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 502607, Saipan, MP 96950. The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on the date and time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or his Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or the claim(s) will be baited. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **CHARITY R. HODSON**, Attorney at Law, at the address above indicated.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.

/s/
Clerk of Court/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

- Civil Action
- No. 22-0131

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- Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

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Dated this 13th day of October, 2022.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

- Civil Action
- No. 22-0124

THE ESTATE OF SIMON ILAL, Deceased.

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- Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

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Happy Citizenship Day, Marianas!

36 years ago on this very day, the people of the Marianas were granted U.S. Citizenship, officially becoming members of the American family. Even after this day, we shall recognize the freedoms, rights, and privileges that come with citizenship, as well as stand with our brothers and sisters who are working hard to obtain citizenship. Acknowledging what citizenship brings us also means exercising our responsibilities as citizens, such as voting, participating in our local community, and working together to create the better nation that we all dream of.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisow, and have a safe Citizenship Day weekend, Marianas!

– Governor Ralph DLG. Torres

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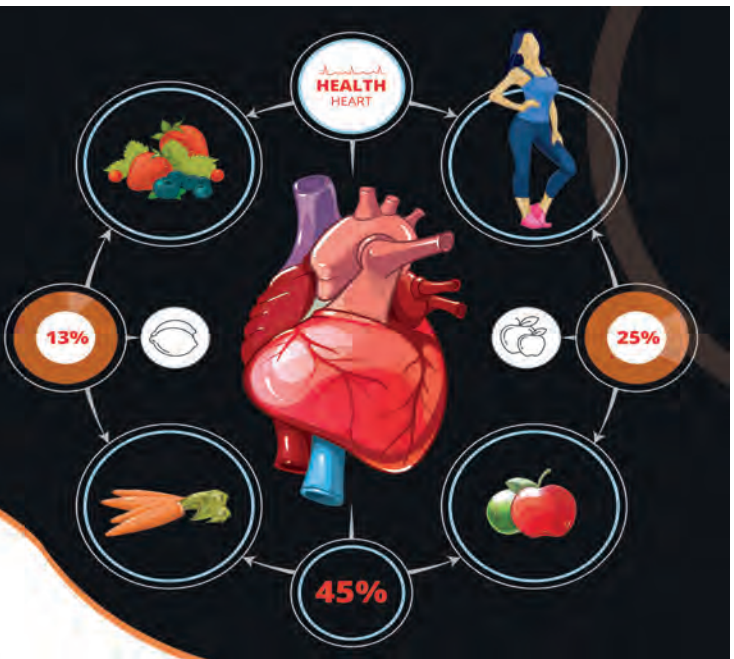
Road Map To **Healthy Living**



Relieve the Accumulated Stress

Doing a little bit of exercise is always a good starting point. As human beings, we accumulate stress during the day from various sources, and in the end, we need to let all of that go. Go for a walk, get some exercise, do some yoga - your body will be grateful.

Eat Healthy and Till You Are Content

Focus on whole foods, which are filled with nutrients, instead of processed foods filled with sugars. Also, if you notice that you are eating till you are full to the brink, give your best to change that and eat till you are just content.

Diversify Your Balanced Diet

Mix it up with a balance of foods filled with protein, carbohydrates, and fiber if you want to get the maximum results out of it. If you are considering which options to include, start with nuts, beans, lean meat, poultry, veggies, fruits and fish.

SMILE!

Since the process of healthy living is long and requires your time, effort, and dedication, sometimes you may feel like it is too much. What you need to remember in this case is to smile – greeting every challenge as an opportunity to become better and grow. This is the best path that you can take if you want to create a healthier life-style for yourself!

Healthy lifestyle habits should be a part of your everyday life. The first thing that comes to mind on the topic of healthy living should be becoming a better version of yourself!

If you want to read some more information on this subject, follow Fit to lead on social media or visit the website fittoleadmarianas.com.

Before starting any diet or fitness journey, please consult with your doctor or a health professional.

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The Pelosi attack was disgusting but not shocking. That's a problem

By DAN RODRICKS
Baltimore Sun

At dinner in Baltimore's Little Italy, where Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi grew up, someone expressed shock and disgust at the attack on Pelosi's husband at the couple's home in San Francisco. I shared the disgust, but not so much the shock.

Everyone at the table had been alive at the time of the assassination of John F. Kennedy (Nov. 22, 1963); we remember the murders of Martin Luther King Jr., Bobby Kennedy and John Lennon, the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan.

The shocks of history should have made us a less violent country. Instead, we've become more so. We've had thousands of mass shootings by now and, in Baltimore, almost daily homicides over the last seven years.

Supporters of Donald Trump turned into a violent mob that invaded the Capitol to stop the congressional certification of Joe Biden's election. Why is anyone shocked that someone came looking for Nancy Pelosi in the middle of the night?

The Institute for Economics and Peace, an international think tank that tracks violence around the world, publishes an annual list of the most peaceful countries and territories. Last year the United States ranked 122nd out of 163.

And if it's not real violence that infests our culture, we get a steady offering of cinematic violence.

I watched the new adaptation of Erich Maria Remarque's "All Quiet On The Western Front" on Netflix and realized, during a hand-to-hand combat scene when *un soldat français* takes a shovel to the face, that I can no longer stomach visions of the "war to end all wars." I no longer wish to contemplate the muddy, bloody patch of Western history between 1914 and 1918, an international killing spree that left 13 million dead "in tow'ring waves, in walls of flesh," as Jacques Brel put it.

Starting with Barbara Tuckman's book, "The Guns of August," I was for many ears fascinated by the hideous, attritional facts of World War I. I was awed that kings, dukes and generals, well after the invention of the Maxim gun, still sent men into battle the Old World Way—an infantry charge across the cratered meadows of France into the flesh-ripping teeth of industrial killing machines.

And for what reason? Alliances. Ancient hatreds. Egos. Profits.

The most nightmarish fact from the Great War: All sides on the Western Front suffered 10,944 casualties in the hours between the time the armistice was signed (5:10 a.m.) and 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918, the agreed-upon moment of cease-fire. Of that number, 2,738 were killed.

One minute before the cease-fire, bullets from a German machine gun hit Henry Gunther of Baltimore, a sergeant who had been busted to private. Gunther was the last man to die in

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Paul Pelosi is a victim of poisoned politics. Those inciting violence must be held to account

By MARK Z. BARABAK
Los Angeles Times

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Elections have consequences, as the saying goes. So too does the rhetoric surrounding elections.

To say our politics have coarsened over the last few decades is like noting that temperatures drop and daylight shortens as we settle into autumn.

It's so obvious, it seems the natural order of things.

But it's a choice we've made and grown to accept, and even embrace. The most strident among us are lavished with attention—book contracts, TV ratings, millions of followers on social media. Those who provoke and outrage win office and legions of devotees.

As our politics have grown less ideological—a belief in bigger vs. smaller government, support for higher or lower taxes—and more theological, the difference between Democrat and Republican has increasingly been cast in terms of good vs. evil.

Taken to its illogical extreme, the result is violence, like the attack early Friday on Paul Pelosi by an assailant who invaded his San Francisco home in apparent hopes of assassinating his wife, Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

She was in Washington, with her protective detail, at the time of the break-in. Paul Pelosi, 82, who was bludgeoned with a hammer, was hospitalized and underwent surgery Friday for a skull fracture and injuries to his right arm and hands. Doctors expect a full recovery.

Political violence is, of course, nothing new.

This country was founded in a revolution, fought a Civil War to end the bondage of its Black citizens and has witnessed countless individuals killed for espousing contrary or unpopular beliefs.

Those events are part of history. What assaults us today are seemingly endless accounts, one after another, of lawlessness and political vigilantism.

Death threats. A plot to kidnap Michigan's governor. Self-appointed watchdogs swarming polls and menacing voters. Insurrectionists sentenced for invading the Capitol at the behest of a power-mad president.

Much of the blame rests on Republican shoulders, as many of the faithful have embraced outlandish and frankly nutty QAnon theories that paint Democrats as a party of devil-worshiping pedophiles.

But the animosity—if not outrageous caricature—runs both ways. Repeated polls have found Democrats questioning the goodwill and patriotism, not to mention judgment, of Republicans.

It's no longer just the fringe acting out.

"What's new is we have violent sentiments in the mainstream of America," said Robert Pape, a University of Chicago expert on political extremism.

A September survey he helped conduct found 5% of American adults believed the use of force was justified in restoring Donald Trump to the presidency. That may seem like a small number, but it represents 13 million people.

As Pape noted, "Thirteen million is way too big a number to think of as the fringe."

Politics, which is too often disparaged, is how we settle our differences without taking up arms. Or, at least, it's supposed to be. When the disagreement between parties, party loyalists and the other side grow shrouded in fear and conspiracy theories, it should not be surprising when someone unhinged lashes out.

"I want to be clear," Rep. Adam Kinzinger tweeted after news of the attack on Pelosi. "When you convince people that politicians are rigging elections, drink babies blood, etc., you will get violence."

Tellingly, the Illinois Republican was speaking from the political wilderness; Kinzinger was effectively excommunicated from his party for voting to impeach Trump after the Jan. 6 riot and agreeing to serve on the House committee investigating the attempted coup.

Hours before the assault on Paul Pelosi, billionaire Elon Musk assumed ownership of Twitter. It was a coincidence of timing and geography. (Twitter headquarters is less than three miles from the Pelosi residence.) But it doesn't bode well.

The social media site has been a slough of hate speech, disinformation and ad hominem attack, contributing in a major way to the polluting of our politics. Musk has promised to unleash even more vitriol and hostility by raising the gates and lifting the barriers to Twitter's already foul content.

Words matter. Provocation has consequences.

Pelosi's alleged assailant, David DePape, 42, was apparently well-marinated in a stew of crazy right-wing theories about "the elites/ruling class."

The incitement to violence will stop only when those vested with authority, be it elected office, social media platform or national TV audience, are made to pay a price. The criminal and dangerous will land in court. Those who inspire them must also be held to account.

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Citizenship is a shared responsibility

By CHRISTINA 'TINA' SABLAN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Rep. Tina Sablan is a member of the House of Representatives of the 22nd Legislature. She is the Democratic candidate for governor, and her running mate for lieutenant governor is Leila Fleming Staffler.

On Citizenship Day, we celebrate what it means to be citizens of the United States and a self-governing commonwealth. We are truly blessed to live in these peaceful Mariana Islands, and to be part of a free and democratic nation.

But the work of self-government and democracy is never done. The rights and freedoms we enjoy as citizens only mean something if we continually exercise and defend them. This task becomes especially urgent when our leaders abuse the power and trust we have given them. As citizens we have a responsibility to actively participate in our system of democracy, and to ensure that our government is worthy of our trust.

This means being informed about the issues and decision-making that impact us all, and the people who seek to represent us in government. It means voting, and being true to our values when we mark our ballots. It means holding those in power accountable, and demanding honesty and fairness from our government that belongs to all of us. It means looking after one another, and embracing opportunities to serve and lift up our fellow citizens.

Leila Fleming Staffler and I have a vision for good governance that includes empowered citizens, a responsive, transparent, and ethical government, and leaders who are faithful to the law and the people they serve. Good governance begins with voting for it, but it doesn't end there. As citizens, we have a shared responsibility to make our government work for everyone, and to do our part to make the Marianas a better place for present and future generations.

Happy Citizenship Day to all our fellow citizens.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'I owe my vote to her'

I have lived on Saipan for 22 years. When I first arrived I knew that I had moved to a very different place so I wanted to learn as much as I could. I attended meetings at the House and Senate, Chamber of Commerce, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board meetings, etc. Some members told me that I was attending their meetings more than their members! I started attending the 16th and 17th Legislature to observe how the government worked. I met many of the membership and as a whole they were nice people. But I was mainly interested in identifying people who could run the government in the future. Those people are completely different, I wanted to identify winners for the people.

I recently realized that our three current candidates for governor were all members of these legislatures. I spent two years watching and listening to them firsthand working for the people and I want to share my observations, not my opinions!

1) Ralph: I sat directly behind him so I could see his desk. He arrived at the meetings sometimes late, put his papers on the desk, including newspapers, magazines, shopping advertisements and his laptop that he used to shop online during the meeting. He was not an active debater or contributor during the meetings.

2) Arnold: He was speaker of the House and was engaged in discussions especially regarding fishing in the Northern Islands. He did not introduce much new legislation but he kept the meetings moving, and he was passionate about his love for the NMI. At one point when the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (Rydlyme), retirement, and Public School System funding were being debated, he cut off the debate by telling one legislator by saying, "C'mon, Tina, get on board, the train has already left the station!"

3) Tina: Always arrived on time and was prepared for the meetings. She knew and understood the topics being debated, had notes for reference, and debated/challenged other legislators and offered new ideas. *I never observed her shopping online!*

I am only offering observations and there are many more. I offer only one opinion. The electorate must choose who they want to improve our islands. One candidate worked hard at these meetings for the people—that was Tina! Her agenda was clearly focused on helping the citizens of the CNMI. I owe my vote to her.

Frank Stewart
Capital Hill, Saipan

An endorsement of Tina for governor

Upon moving to Saipan last year, kindly locals repeatedly told me three things: Don't go into the ocean alone, never drink what comes out of the faucet and, most importantly, avoid getting involved in local politics. Thanks to all those offering what is sound advice. Two out of three isn't bad, right?

So I gave up my nearly 40-year Alaskan residency (and Permanent Fund payments) to become a permanent resident of the CNMI. As for local politics, let's just say that the past year has afforded me a curious and often infuriating education.

Who am I to offer political insight and advice? During part of my military service, I was a spokesman, public affairs specialist and on the staff of multiple admirals that commanded the U.S. Coast Guard 17th District (Alaska, Bering Sea, Arctic Ocean and North Pacific Ocean). I've served as a press/public affairs director to an Alaskan governor. As a journalist and stringer, I often covered the Alaska Legislature and governors for the Associated Press and *Anchorage Daily News*. I've volunteered and worked in the campaigns for U.S. Senate and governor of Alaska, ran multiple times for the office of mayor of Juneau (the capital of Alaska) and I was chairman of the committee in Juneau dealing with urban wildlife (mostly black and brown bears) and solid waste disposal ordinances. As to my political affiliation, like many Americans, I'm a nonpartisan independent and have voted for candidates of multiple parties.

I tried, I really tried to ignore the malfeasance, corruption, waste and abject lack of will and ability than passes for senior Commonwealth leadership but I am, unapologetically, a political animal (or should that now read "political Saipanimal"?). What can I say? It's my nature.

Honestly, I don't have much insight or any endorsements for any of the village, mayoral, or legislative races as all the campaigns seem to go out of their way to avoid addressing actual problems, policy matters, or their specific and concrete proposals as to govern and effect meaningful change. I'm hardly the first political observer to note that CNMI politics is dictated by personality, popularity and family/social ties rather than being concerned with—or being oriented toward—generating sound policies and real, effective governance. The main goal of politicians here seems to be the transfer (mostly and ultimately) federal funds to people through government jobs, payouts, and retirement pensions and to then make those citizens beholden to said politicians to ensure that they stay in office in order to keep Uncle Sam's gravy train rolling. Guess it's nice work, if you can get it.

Mind you, don't take my assessments and criticism as an insult or as an indication of a lack of respect. It's the way things currently are. Our current system of political patronage isn't much different than Tammany Hall, Chicago Machine politics or the way things work/don't work back in Alaska, where endemic corruption has been fueled for decades with tens of billions of dollars in oil, mining, timber, and fishing revenues, along with often steered and padded government construction contracts.

However, just because "things are the way they are" doesn't mean that the choice for real change and a better and more sustainable collective future eludes us.

Lt. Gov. Palacios and Mayor Apatang have my respect for their many years of combined public service. I mean that. But they offer nothing new in terms of willingness to make government better or more responsive to resident needs, nor have they offered any detailed plans that would make the lives those who call the CNMI home safer, more sustainable, and secure. From one old guy to two older gentlemen and admired elders, I respectfully suggest that now is the time to stand aside for the younger generations to move into senior leadership positions. Considering Palacios was/is so closely connected with the current governor suggests poor judgement on his behalf at the very least and his unwillingness to take Gov. Ralph Torres to task for his transgressions and inactions makes me wonder if his candidacy might be some sort of gambit to divide anti-Torres voters. That Torres recently rewarded him with an exceptional and likely lifesaving emergency military medevac to Hawaii strikes me as payback for the favor. Perhaps Palacios and Apatang will continue their public service by being the respected elder statesmen that they are, as informal community leaders through volunteering, and as much needed mentors to younger Commonwealth leaders and those who aspire to leadership positions in government and business.

Not going to mince words here, but Gov. Torres is quite possibly the worst, the most indolent, incurious, and willfully incapable governor the CNMI ever saddled itself with. Did Torres not know that the entire IPI casino debacle was part of "The Plan" formulated by the Chinese Communist Party of the People's Republic of China to insinuate itself throughout the Western and Southern Pacific? The goal of The Plan is to discredit the U.S., sow discord among allies and friends, establish puppet political and community leaders, to make Pacific islands and island nations into PRC supplicants and/or make them into clients/client states that would lead to the basing of military assets to counter the United States, Japan, Australia, France, U.K., Taiwan, and others. As long as his reflexively-outstretched hand gets greased, Torres didn't and doesn't care about national allegiance or the wellbeing of the Commonwealth. The derelict and rapidly-moldering/crumbling IPI casino is nothing more than a gargantuan insult to the citizens of the CNMI, the residents of Garapan and to the United States. Torres also opened the doors wide to accommodate (without even visas) rude and abusive PRC tourists who delighted in trying to mar and deface the natural beauty of Saipan and blast around the island in rental cars like maniacs without real drivers licenses and any regard for the safety and wellbeing of locals. He embraced birth tourism that confers automatic and unearned U.S. citizenship to PRC infants. Whose side is he on? Certainly not the side of the United States or of his constituents. I could go on and on and on. Multiple federal and local law enforcement investigations and raids, COVID-19 mismanagement and inaction that likely led directly to the deaths of CNMI residents, diversion and loss of typhoon/super-typhoon and pandemic recovery funds, buying fleets of gas-powered cars (as political gift handouts) when we need to transition to electric vehicles, no preparation or even a basic understanding of the challenges that climate change presents, undrinkable tap water, a hospital that is a medical embarrassment and doesn't even have an MRI or comprehensive diagnostic capabilities, repeatedly avoiding U.S. and local customs at the airport, personally living a lavish lifestyle (first-class airline

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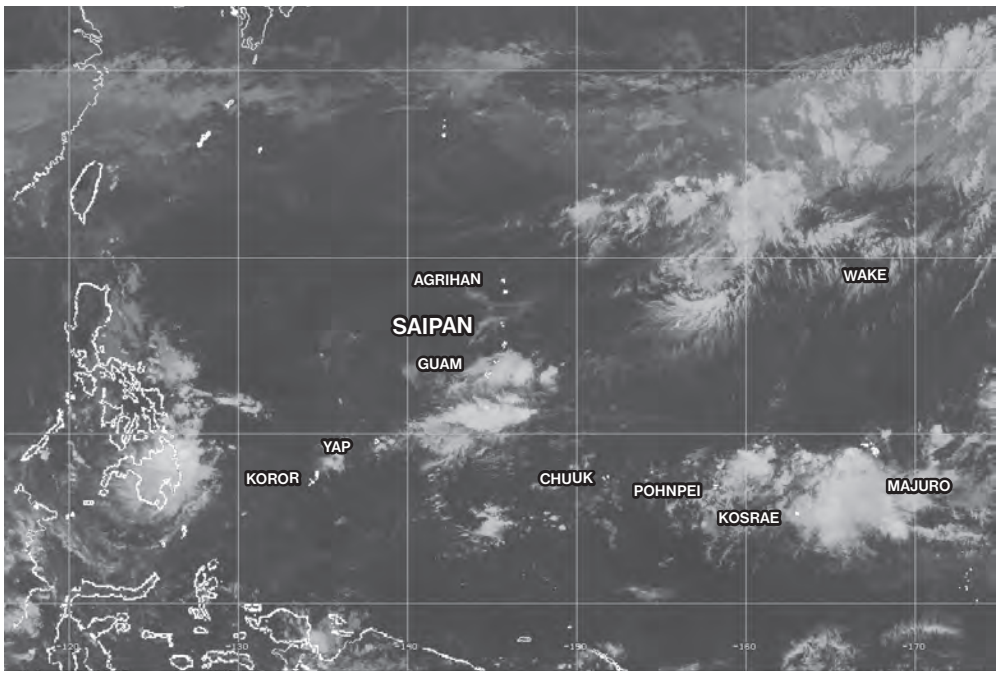
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Isolated showers. Partly sunny	Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny
87° 78°	88° 79°	87° 79°	88° 79°	88° 79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas waters, with scattered showers just east of Guam waters. The buoys reveal combined seas of 4 to 5 feet, composed mainly of a north swell.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	84° / 76°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 75°
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	87° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	69° / 57°
Beijing	Sunny	57° / 30°
Hong Kong	Showers	76° / 69°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	84° / 75°
London	Partly Cloudy	55° / 40°
Los Angeles	Sunny	66° / 47°
Manila	Thunderstorms	87° / 77°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	64° / 49°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	84° / 73°
New York	Sunny	67° / 50°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	70° / 52°
Paris	Rain	55° / 41°
Busan	Sunny	61° / 43°
Rome	Thunderstorms	68° / 51°
Salem	Sunny	78° / 53°
San Francisco	Sunny	60° / 45°
Seoul	Sunny	51° / 30°
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	68° / 51°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	69° / 50°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:13 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Sunday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Tuesday	6:15 AM	5:45 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	2:14 AM	3:01 PM
Saturday	-	3:09 AM	3:40 PM
Sunday	-	4:01 AM	4:18 PM
Monday	-	4:53 AM	4:56 PM
Tuesday	-	5:46 AM	5:36 PM

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET	
3:42 AM	High Tide	1.43
10:21 AM	Low Tide	0.11
5:13 PM	High Tide	1.86
11:37 PM	Low Tide	0.57

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:05AM	9:45AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	7:45AM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	8:00PM	9:50PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	3:40PM	10:35AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

OZ624	3:40PM	7:40PM	3, 6
TW308	4:30PM	8:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:46AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:55PM	4:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	12:40AM	6:30AM	3, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA189/174	12:40AM	8:46AM+1	3, 6 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:46AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:46AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
OZ704/623	11:50PM	2:40PM+1	2, 5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ623	9:00AM	2:40PM	3, 6
TW307	10:00AM	3:30PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3406	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

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INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

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FROM RIDGE TO REEF

A Collection of Articles Written by the 2022 DCRM Summer Interns

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DON'T COMPLAIN, JUST COMPLY

ROSS ARRIOLA DCRM PERMITTING & ENFORCEMENT

To many people, including myself, the definition of "home" is the Northern Mariana Islands. Beyond our islands, we fish from and enjoy an ocean that boasts a wide variety of marine species. The CNMI coastal zone has abundant beautiful resources from the ridge to the reef. In an effort to protect these resources, the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) mandates that people apply for permits. These permits are intended to aid with developmental projects and minimize their effects on the environment, including reducing the influences of the environment on these projects.

As a resident of the CNMI, I have witnessed significant changes to our environment, particularly the development of new infrastructure. Through this internship, I gained an understanding of the permitting process and awareness of developmental impacts on our island.

During my first internship with DCRM in 2021, I acquired an understanding of our environment and its natural resources. From this, I was able to apply to and secure an internship opportunity with a non-governmental organization called Friends of the Marianas Trench (FOMT). Under its extension program Project HOPE (Healthy Oceans and People Empowerment), I interned as an education and outreach volunteer. Working with professional environmentalists at DCRM also enabled me to apply my experiences and knowledge to my studies at the Northern Marianas College (NMC) as I pursue a higher education in Natural Resources Management.

As a second-year intern, I was given the opportunity to assume a role in DCRM's Permitting & Enforcement section. There are three different permits issued by DCRM: A *Temporary Permit* - issued for emergency repairs before or immediately after a natural disaster; An *APC Permit* - required for all non-major developments that is located in, or may have adverse impacts to, an Area of Particular Concern; and a *Major Siting Permit* - required for all major developments, uses or activities that have the potential to significantly impact coastal resources.

As an intern, I was tasked to create a short film to inform people of the importance of proper development to lessen the impacts on our diverse environment. With the help of my mentor and the Permitting & Enforcement team, I captured many different clips of the environment and created a short film using Final Cut Pro.

PESTICIDE CONTROL, AWARENESS IS THE GOAL

MARIA CRUZ DEQ PESTICIDE PROGRAM

Improper use of pesticide products can lead to many adverse outcomes, affecting public health and the environment from chemical contamination. Health effects range from skin irritation, allergic reactions, to more severe consequences such as cancer and lung disease. Environmental effects include contaminated water sources such as surface or groundwater through pesticide runoffs and leaching.

As an intern at the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Pesticide Program, I took part in a DEQ pesticide storage inventory and market inspection. As a result, I became aware of misbranded products, which are mainly those that don't have US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registration numbers and English labels. EPA pesticide registration is important to ensure safe use of chemicals to prevent harm to human health and the environment. Additionally, DEQ storage and interceptions keep these products out of the CNMI because we never know if they contain deadly chemicals.

The inventory was needed for a project with EPA for proper disposal of misbranded pesticides, mostly confiscated from airports because tourists aren't aware of pesticide regulations in the CNMI. The products had to be translated to English, and I was tasked to note down active ingredients and percentages, product descriptions, quantity, and label language. This storage is important because it restricts access and secures the confiscated products. It also prevents spills and leaks, reducing exposure to the public. During the market inspection, we looked for misbranded products, shelf location within the market, and packaging conditions. Pesticides should be 10 feet away from soft packaged foods and 4 feet away from hard packaged foods. Packaging should also be in good conditions because damages can lead to leaks and contamination of other products.

From my experience, I've noticed the public lacks knowledge on proper pesticide use and storage. While this isn't uncommon, it remains a problem. According to Dugger-Webster and LePrevost, some users misunderstand, don't follow labels, and don't even know pesticides are regulated. This brings concerns because they may not be aware of valuable information on exposure and risks, such as hazards/toxicity, signal words, precautions, preharvest intervals (PHI), personal protective equipment (PPE), etc. To address this, I created a quadfold on pesticides and food, its human health effects, and what can be done to raise awareness.

Being in the pesticides program has been insightful! I'm thankful for the opportunity to learn more about environmental issues and how they affect animals, resources, and human health.

PELOSI

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the war, a fact established by James M. Cain, then an Army private, correspondent for The Sun and future novelist.

The Netflix adaptation of "All Quiet" deals with the fact that so many were killed or wounded after Germany had already surrendered. That gives this German-produced film an additional layer of irony, except that it's hardly needed. By that late stage of the movie, you're covered in the gaseous fumes of irony about World War I. If you've read as much as I have about it—if you've seen as many documentaries and feature films, including two earlier versions of "All Quiet"—then you would be exhausted from irony, too.

As an admirer of certain war movies—"1917," directed by Sam Mendes, was a tour de force as was Steven Spielberg's 1998 film, "Saving Private Ryan"—I've become less convinced I need to see them. I felt that way from the opening moments of the new "All Quiet."

Producers of movies sell violence in several genres—true crime, fictional crime, war, horror, Westerns—because they profit from it. American audiences, in particular, eat it up.

What I have always found simultaneously interesting and disturbing is that, with real violence all around us all the time—400 million guns, hate crimes, mass shootings, school shootings, political violence—we seek to be entertained by violence. We'll watch a show about homicidal drug gangs and praise it endlessly as a work of art when, just miles away, people are being gunned down in the streets. That speaks to a real disconnect, even a lack of empathy for real suffering and loss.

So I have parted ways from most violent movies and streamed series. I started to feel guilty about it some years ago and the separation is just about complete.

The suggestion that violent cinema or video games have a desensitizing effect gets quickly dismissed, usually by the producers of those enterprises and those who subscribe to them.

But, while watching a muddy German soldier shoot the brains out of a French soldier in the new "All Quiet," I had to ask myself: Why are you watching this? Why did someone remake this movie, and remake it on such a grand and ghoulish scale? To declare that war is hell? Don't we know that from watching Russians murdering Ukrainians? Don't we know that from a century of war, from graveyards of white stone?

History should have made us a less violent country by now. Instead, we seem to be constantly surrendering to it, as if inevitable. A test of a good country is its ability to be shocked, recover and act. I fear we've lost that.

TINA

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tickets, high-end hotels, sunset cruises, $15,000 a month electricity bills, etc. all on the government's tab). All this and more all the while a third of Commonwealth residents are considered "poor."

He should be ashamed of himself and his long, abjectly dismal record of repeated failures as a so-called leader. But that would be asking too much, wouldn't it?

Rep. Tina Sablan offers another way. She represents cogent thought, mindful consideration, compassion, empathy, and reason, along with deep respect for the rule of law and a record of good governance. She worked her way up and served in the legislative and journalistic trenches. She is well-versed in the language of governing and the legislative process. Whip-smart, strong, brave and resolute, she is also capable of changing her mind when presented credible evidence that runs contrary to her previously established positions. Tina possesses excellent conflict-resolution abilities and, unlike so many other contemporary politicians, is capable and willing to listen to and aid constituents and residents. Though a Democrat, I know she is willing to work across party lines and with independents to achieve meaningful change. She's willing to do the hard work and heavy lifting that is required to govern and to lead. I also sense in her the ability to acknowledge when she is wrong (as all of us often are). I respect that in a leader. I respect her and am pleased to stand with her and her many supporters.

I'm proud to support Tina Sablan. I ask that you consider giving her your vote for governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Thank you and thanks to all those who put themselves forward to participate in the democratic political process and those who exercise their rights and privileges in order cast their votes.

Note: I contribute to the *Saipan Tribune* as a volunteer citizen journalist/photojournalist. Given my journalistic ethics and in the spirit of full transparency, I disclose that I contributed to the Sablan-Staffler 2022 campaign and volunteered my time to the campaign.

Mark Farmer
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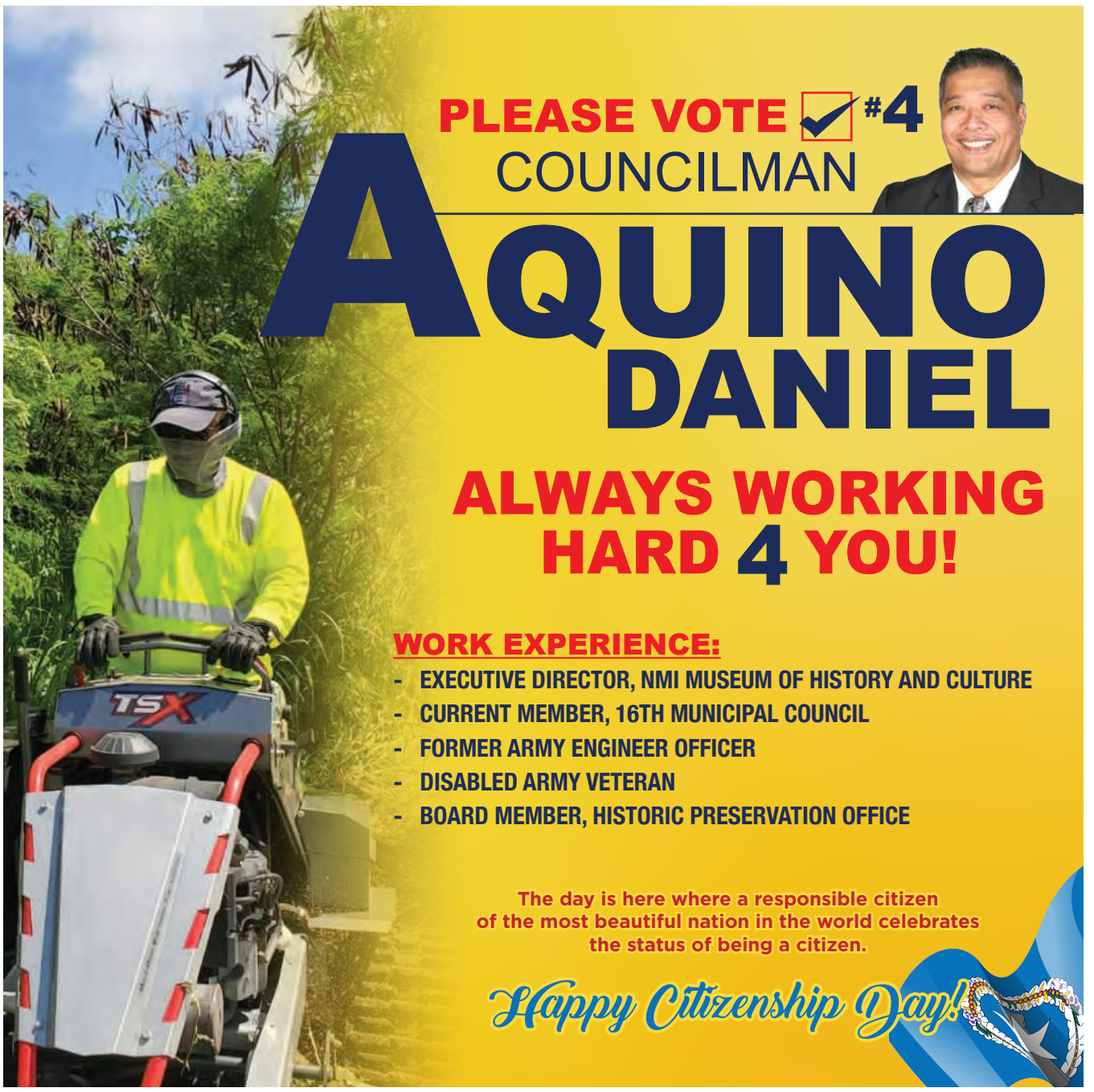
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Aquino outlines plan of action

Councilman Danny Aquino is running for a seat in the 17th Saipan Municipal Council. Aquino was appointed by Saipan Mayor David Apatang to fill a vacant seat. If elected, he plans to ask the other two successful members to serve as the council's chairman.

Aquino plans to have a dialogue with the new mayor, the Saipan and Northern Island Delegation, and non-profit organizations to make the council have a greater impact on the villages through collaborative efforts.

Aquino has been involved in islandwide beautification and ground maintenance of tourist attraction sites through collaborative efforts between the Saipan Mayor and the Department of Public Works.

He said the team of James Macaranas and Wenny Haruo assist in maintaining the roadside vegetation on Middle Road, Capitol Hill, Isa Drive, at the Children's Park in Koblerville, the Ada Gym baseball and soccer field, Cowtown Moto-Cross, and the Sugar King Park, to name a few.

Aquino is the current executive director for the NMI Museum of History and Culture. He is credited for the repairs and transformation of the NMI Museum and for the successful outdoor events that his staff (James, Archie, and Wenny) have done such as the Halloween event with the Rotary Club of Saipan that drew over 2,000 people, the Fiesta Friday, and Easter events.

He stated that he is a hard worker and loves serving the people of the CNMI. "Under my leadership, I want the Council to be directly involved in every village either through village beautification, and health wellness programs," he said. ***(PR)***

Local student makes honor roll at OSU

Erica Jonette C. Leon Guerrero of Saipan, who is a junior student taking up Environmental Sciences at Oregon State University, joins the list of those who have made it to the university's Scholastic Honor Roll Summer 2022.

A total of 3,162 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 6 graded hours of course work. ***(PR)***

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot 182 E 01 containing an area of approximately 4,545 square meters, more or less, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A map showing the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands and website www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Triple Star International Corporation. The lists of officers for Triple Star International Corporation are Wei Gang Xiong, as President, Zhang Qing, as Corporate Secretary.

iii. The proposed lease is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by the officers and directors of Triple Star International Corporation, mainly Wei Gang Xiong.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of the providing recycling services that collect, recycle, and market scrap materials, and the retail sale of electronics and appliances.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property plus the applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts in DPL's regulation.

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the PM Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before November 18, 2022 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT I MAPROPONI NA ATKILON TÅNU´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku mannånå'i nutisia guini put i intension-ñiha para u ma'atkila metton na tanu' pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas. Maseha håyi na pattidå intirisao gi halum hinirât pupbliku siña muna'hålum upiñon, infotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu' pupbliku. Komu mapribeni mås mo'na ginen i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesi na infotmasion manisisita para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu' pupbliku madiskribi komu Lot 182 E 01 ni kunsissisti kåsi 4,545 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi gi hålum Lower Base, iya Saipan. I måpa ni ina'a'annuk i påttin i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku yan gi website i www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.

ii. I prospective lessee i Triple Star international Corporation. I listan nu ufisiåt siha para i Triple Star International Corporation sa si Wei Gang Xiong, komu Presidenti, si Zhang Qing, komu Sekritåriun i Corporate.

iii. I maproponi na atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha yan ginen manegosiu ginen i ufisiåt yan direktot nu i Triple Star International Corporation, mayotmenti si Wei Gang Xiong.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha' na rason mampribebeni setbisiun recycling ni ha rikokohi, recycle, yan mambendi scrap materials, yan i retail sale nu ilektroniks yan appliances.

I tema nu i maproponi na kuntråtan atkilon sa' bentisingku (25) åñus na tiempu.

I maproponi na atkilon gi kada' såkkan gi durântin i teman kuntråtan i atkilon mapega gi put sientus i bålin "appraised fair market" i propiedåt yan i aplikåpbli na put sientus nu Business Gross Receipts gi halum regulasion i DPL.

v. I kopian i maproponi na kuntråtan atkilon siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku, ni gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) na bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan, primet (1st) na bibiendan i De'Ana Commercial Building, giya Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet (1st) na bibiendan nu i PM Building, giya Tini'an. I kopia debi lokkui' na u managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. I Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tåya marisibi ni håfa na tinahguin inofresi siha ni para u ma'atkila i suhetu na tanu' pupbliku gi Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. I Sekritåriun Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku debi na u aksepta tinigi' upiñon, infotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat tinahguin prinoponi siha ginin i manintirisåo na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Nubembre 18, 2022 gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Sa'ipan, Luta pat Tini'an.

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i. Ppwomwol atkkilóónol faluweer toulap e lo bwe Lot 182 E 01 e ffat bwe maat yeel nge 4,545 reel square meters, eghus ngáre maas, iye e lo Lower Base, Seipél. Móópal bwuléy yeel eyoor me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me wóól website www.dpl.mp ngáre u mwuschel amwuri.

ii. Ppomwol schóól atkkilóón nge Triple Star International Corporation. List-al officers ngáli Triple Star International Corporation nge Wei Gang Xiong, bwe Presidente, Zhang Qing, bwe Sekkretóóriyol Corporate.

iii. Ppwomwol atkkilóón nge e angúúngú fengál me mwóghutughutúl DPL me eyoor abwungubwungúl sángi officers me director-il Triple Star International Corporation, spesiatmente Wei Gang Xiong.

iv. Schóól atkkilóón ebwe yááyá falúw ebwe yááyá falúw ngáli mwóghutughutúl ayooral alilisil "recycling" iye ebwe bweibwogh, "recycle", "market scrap materials", me akkaméélól "electronics" me appliances".

Ppomwol abwungubwungúl atkkilóón nge ruweigh me limoow ráágh.

Ppwomwol atkkilóónol ghal ráágh nge e lo reel percentage-il "appraised fair market value" reel falúw fengál me "applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts" llól mwóghutughutúl DPL.

Pappidil pommwol abwungubwungúl atkkilóón emmwel ubwe bweibwogh mereel Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer toulap, iye e lo 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building llól Dandan, Seipél; 1st floor reel De'Ana Commercial Building, Apilómwol Songsong, Luuta' ngáre 1st floor reel PM Building, Tchiliyól. Ebwal yoor pappidil mille online me www.dpl.gov.mp

v. Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommw iye e siiweli falúw iye re apasa me Lower Base, Seipél.

vii. Sekkretóóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap emmwelil bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angii ngáre pommw iye re siiweli sángi schóó kka re mwuschel wóól ngáre mmwalil Nobembre 18, 2022 me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me Seipél, Luuta, ngáre Tchiliyól.

IN DENYING ENTRY TO K-POP ARTISTS
'Applicants for admission must prove eligibility to enter'

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES
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REPORTER

U.S. Customs and Border Protection says that the 17 K-pop artists who were planning to enter the CNMI as volunteer performers of a planned K-pop concert were required to prove that they were eligible to enter the United States. However, they reportedly failed to do so, according to CBP.

In an email from CBP spokesperson Scott Heatherly in response to the case of the K-pop artists who were supposed to come to Saipan for a concert, he said they were not granted entry to Saipan because they could not overcome all grounds of inadmissibility.

"As the agency charged with determining admissibility of aliens at ports of entry, under U.S. immigration law [Section 291 of the INA [8 USC 1361] applicants for admission bear the burden of proof to establish that they are clearly eligible to enter the United States. In order to demonstrate that they are admissible, the applicant must overcome all grounds of inadmissibility," he said.

"The United States has been and continues to be a welcoming nation. U.S. Customs and Border Protection not only protects U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents in the country but also wants to ensure the safety of our international travelers who come to visit, study and conduct legitimate business in our country," he added.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, the free K-pop concert that was scheduled for Oct. 28 and Oct. 29 was cancelled due to visa issues.

The 17 artists allegedly arrived on Oct. 26, but were held at the airport because they were not able to provide the proper visas—in their case artist visas, according to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection; the group only had tourist visas.

The planned "2022 Saipan Tourism Fanival" was supposed to be a free K-pop concert and was intended as a gesture of thanks by Hong Kyun Kim, who is the president of P&A Corp.

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Off the Wall

Escaped king cobra crawls back to Swedish terrarium

HELSINKI (AP)—A venomous 2.2-meter (7 foot) king cobra that escaped from its home in a Swedish zoo has returned back home by itself, bringing a happy ending to over a week-long disappearance saga.

"Houdini, as we named him, has crawled back into his terrarium," CEO Jonas Wahlstrom of the Skansen Aquarium told the Swedish public broadcaster SVT on Sunday.

The deadly snake, whose official name is Sir Vass (Sir Hiss), escaped on Oct. 22 via a light fixture in the ceiling of its glass enclosure at the aquarium, part of the zoo at the Skansen open-air museum and park on Stockholm's Djurgarden island.

As a result of an intensive search with X-ray machines, "Houdini" was located earlier this week in a confined space near the terrarium in the insulation between two walls.

Holes were drilled into the walls where the snake was hiding but the cobra disappeared from the view of the X-ray cameras in the early Sunday. It turned out the snake had given up its freedom ride and crawled back to its terrarium.

"It was too stressful for Houdini with all the holes in the walls, so he wanted to go home again," Wahlstrom told SVT.

The park said the snake wouldn't have survived the cold climate if had gotten out of the building.

King cobras can grow up to 5.5 meters (18 feet) long and mainly live in India, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Maine removing those naughty license plates

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—Maine is cleaning up its roadways by removing the flippin' vulgarities from license plates.

The state is enforcing new rules to eliminate f-bombs and other obscenities that appeared on vanity license plates after the state effectively eliminated its review process.

The state began issuing recall letters this month, with a handful each day. It'll take a couple of months to complete the process.

Secretary of State Shenna Bellows is passionate about free speech as a former director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Maine. But she said obscenities should not be on license plates, which are state property.

"What I would say to those who want to engage in objectionable or questionable speech: Get a bumper sticker," she said.

It's a bit of a head-scratcher how a bunch of descendants of Puritans in a New England state ended up putting some of the raunchiest messages on state-issued license plates.

It started when state lawmakers all-but-eliminated the review in 2015 after a lawsuit successfully targeted neighboring New Hampshire's restrictions on vanity license plates.

Maine's laissez-faire approach allowed what Bellows described as a "wild wild West" in which motorists ordered vanity license plates with blushing references to sex acts or genitalia.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Pack of coyotes surrounds dog walker in Massachusetts

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass. (AP)—Coyotes surrounded a person walking their dog north of Boston over the weekend but were apparently scared off by police cruisers that arrived to help, authorities said. Police in Swampscott received a call around 9:30 p.m. Saturday from the dog walker, who said that they were surrounded and that the coyotes were "not backing down," police said in a Facebook post. Officers counted at least nine coyotes. They retreated after the arrival of cruisers with their lights flashing. Police escorted the dog walker and their pet to their home with no additional danger. Police also posted tips from the Humane Society for how to deal with bold coyotes, urging residents to be aware of their surroundings when walking their dogs, especially in the evening, when coyotes are most active. Police also recommended that people bring noisemakers, squirt guns or pepper spray with them to scare coyotes away.

That's scary: Roaches spoil Halloween on suburban street

WYANDOTTE, Mich. (AP)—Trick-or-treating is off limits in a suburban Detroit neighborhood: There's nothing sweet about bringing home a cockroach. Officials in Wyandotte said a cockroach infestation has been confirmed at a vacant home after a tip from a trash hauler. The pests have been moving to other homes. Sidewalks will be closed Monday night on a portion of 20th Street. City engineer Greg Mayhew said a Halloween ban will prevent "further roach migration." Officials don't want the bugs hitching a ride on costumes, the Detroit Free Press reported. The city is trying to exterminate the roaches but "it will take some time," Mayhew said. Walking the street could help kill the cockroaches, but their eggs still could spread and survive, City Council member Todd Hanna said.

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Science and Technology

Worried about identity theft? What to do to minimize your risk

By JESSICA ROY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

I'm a victim of identity theft. Thieves stole my wallet out of my purse and were able to find out everything else they needed to steal my identity online. They exploited a system that the government, law enforcement and financial institutions aren't doing much to improve.

But there are quick and easy steps you can take that will decrease the chances of your identity being stolen, and help mitigate the damage if it is.

Freeze your credit

It takes 15 minutes to do this with the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, TransUnion and Experian), and even less time to unfreeze when you're applying for a loan. It is free to freeze and unfreeze your credit—you don't need any paid "upgrades."

Review your credit report at least once a year

You are eligible to get a free copy of your credit report from each bureau annually. Go through it and make sure everything looks right. Visit annualcreditreport.com to request yours.

Check your passwords

Make sure your sensitive accounts—things like your email and your bank accounts—have strong, unique passwords. If you use the same password everywhere, one account gets hacked and your data are leaked, then all of your accounts are vulnerable. PC Magazine, Wired, and CNET all have recommendations for password managers that make it so you don't have to remember every single one. Check Have I Been Pwned to see which passwords have already appeared in data breaches.

Add two-factor authentication everywhere you can

Yes, it is annoying to spend an extra 10 seconds waiting for a text or authentication alert when you log in to your email or bank account. But it's the best way to secure them. Having two-factor on my Gmail account meant the people who stole my identity were never able to fully access my bank accounts or credit cards.

Sign up for alerts from your banks

Log in to your bank account and credit card accounts and figure out how to add text or email alerts so you'll be notified immediately if someone tries to open a new one.

Never give anyone your bank password or verification code

Anyone asking you to tell them your password or a code you were just texted is trying to get it to access your account.

Review your bank statements regularly

See any transactions you don't recognize? Call your bank right away to investigate.

Opt out of prescreened credit card offers

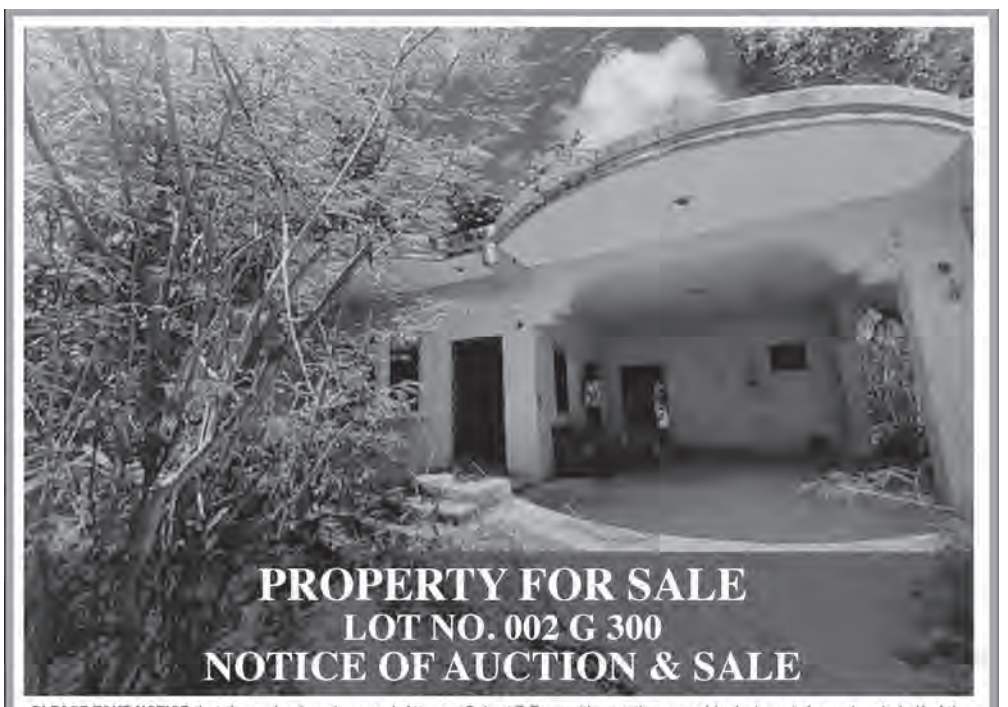
These can be a data gold mine for thieves. Shred any you do receive before tossing them. Visit optoutprescreen.com to stop them.

Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet

Thieves probably can still get your Social Security number in other ways, thanks to countless data breaches. But at least don't give it to them.

Retrieve mail promptly, and stop it if you're going out of town

Stolen mail is one of the easiest ways for thieves to get your information. The people who stole my identity were arrested with a bunch of stolen mail and tools to access mailboxes in their car. Minimize opportunities for your mail to be stolen, especially if you're expecting any sensitive financial documents like a new debit card or checkbook.



PROPERTY FOR SALE
LOT NO. 002 G 300
NOTICE OF AUCTION & SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned counsel, Attorney Robert T. Torres (the auctioneer or his designee), for and on behalf of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund, will sell at auction, to the highest bidder, on **November 25, 2022**, at 10:00 a.m., at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Alageta Road, Kagman III, Saipan Municipality, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described further as follows:

Lot No. 002 G 300, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 07, the original of which was recorded on May 14, 1990, as Document No. 90-1904 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saian, CNMI.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties conducting the auction sale:
a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before the sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever there; and
c) to reject any and all bids.

2. **Minimum Bid.** Minimum bid for the sale of Lot No. 002 G 300 is **One Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (US $100,000.00).** All bids shall be in writing and constitute a formal offer from each bidder. Bids may be submitted in advance for said property. Bids may be submitted in advance in writing for the foregoing property. The minimum bid shall be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be submitted in person (at the auction), via email, or in writing by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, 5962 Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 500730, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: robert.torres@rt-tlawgroup.com by **8:00 a.m., Chamorro Standard Time on the auction date**. Any person who submits his/her bid shall provide a copy of his/her valid Identification Card (valid CNMI Driver's License or Passport). A written bid shall include the bidder's signature, with his/her telephone number, mailing address, and any other contact information. The winning bidder shall be the person to whom the property is confirmed if the bid is accepted. The CNMI Retirement Fund assumes no liability for any errors or omissions as to a bidder's name or identification if that information is not correctly indicated on the bid form. **Please contact the Law Office of Robert t. Torres for a bid form.**

3. **Deposit and Payment.** A non-refundable guarantee deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) day of the auction sale by the winning bidder, no later than 4:00 pm on that date, by payment to the Law Office of Robert T. Torres. The remaining balance shall be due within ten (10) calendar days from the auction sale. If the tenth calendar day falls on a weekend then the balance shall be due that Monday after the tenth calendar day. **All payments shall be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check.** Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the bidder's rights, title, and interest in the money shall revert to the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund.

4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund reserve the right to change any of the terms conducted and enforcement of sale by the announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.

5. **Quitclaim Deed to Winning Bidder:** All bidders are notified that the NMI Retirement Funds, the Judgment – Creditors, shall issue a Quitclaim Deed to the Winning Bidder.

6. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are informed and cautioned to inspect the title and property including performing any title research, property inspection, boundary inspection, easement research, and encroachment research on the subject property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranties including but not limited to habitability or fitness for purpose. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer. A copy of the appraisal report and other documents pertaining to the property to be sold at auction are available upon request for review in advance of the auction date.

DATED this 24th day of October 2022.

/s/_____
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer for
Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RFP22– RED001

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 30, 2022

"MANAGAHA ISLAND MASTER CONCESSION OPERATOR"

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms interested in being the Exclusive Master Concession Operator for service and activities on or relating to Managaha Island.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available online at www.dpl.gov.mp. Interested proposers may request an RFP Packet by email referenced **"RFP22-RED001 MANAGAHA CONCESSION".**

A pre-proposal tour of the island for all interested parties will be held on Managaha Island on **November 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m**. Additional site visits may be requested through DPL. Interested parties must arrange their own transportation to and from the island.

Questions from proposing firms regarding the premises and the contents of the RFP Packet must be received, **no later than 4:00 pm on November 18, 2022 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar, Secretary, DPL at the following address:

Department of Public Lands
2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building
P.O. Box 500380
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone number(s): (670) 234-3751/52/53
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Email: sixto.igisomar@dpl.gov.mp or dpl@dpl.gov.mp

Sealed proposals must be marked **"RFP22-RED001 MANAGAHA ISLAND MASTER CONCESSION OPERATOR".** One (1) original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the DPL at its address above **no later than 4:00pm ChST, on November 30, 2022. A non-refundable Administrative Processing Fee of Seventy Five Dollars ($75.00)** is required upon submission of a proposal and payment must be made through cash or check payable to: Department of Public Lands.

By submitting a proposal, the interested firm agrees to enter into a concession agreement. DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All costs associated with preparing a proposal are entirely the responsibility of proposers. All proposals shall become the sole property of DPL.

/s/ SIXTO K. IGISOMAR, DPL Secretary

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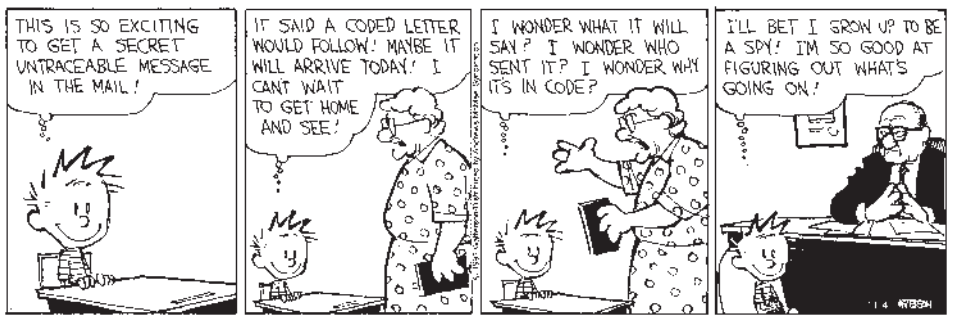
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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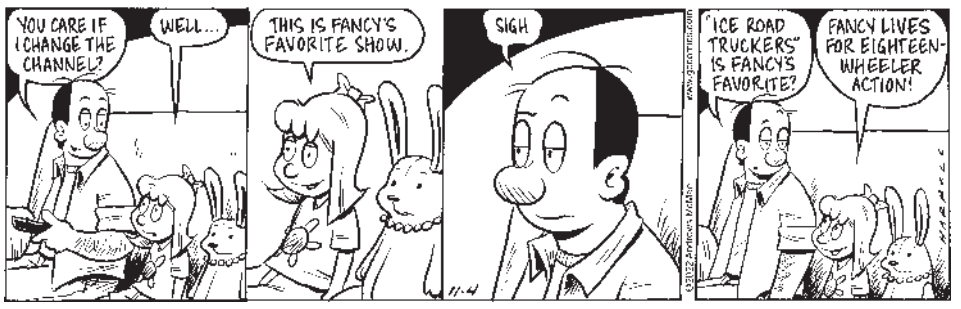
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WELL...
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FANCY LIVES FOR EIGHTEEN-WHEELER ACTION!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Joan of —
4 Unruly kid
8 DEA agent
12 "Don't — stranger!"
13 Contented sounds
14 "Oops!"
15 Island of Italy
17 Docile
18 Pout
19 Brown shade
20 Property claims
22 Swiss river
24 Yemen neighbor
25 Official emblem
29 Purring pet
30 Gelato holders
31 Approves
32 Inability to sleep
34 Dance move
35 American Beauty, e.g.
36 Laugh track sounds
37 First American orbiter
40 Eric of "Munich"
41 Country's McEntire
42 Fragrant flower
46 Body sci.
47 Lotion ingredient
48 Family
49 Finito
50 Porgy's love
51 Caesar or Vicious

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1 Six-pack muscles
2 Irish actor Stephen
3 Perches for traveling tots
4 Rescues, with "out"
5 Social standing
6 Sashimi fish
7 Airport screening org.
8 Nog sprinkling
9 Melville mariner
10 The Eternal City
11 "Believe" singer
16 "SNL" alum Nora
19 "Topaz" author
20 Places
21 One-named supermodel
22 Poker champ — Duke
23 Cruising
25 Charged bits
26 Polite refusal
27 Furniture brand
28 Nile vipers
30 "Let's go!"
33 Highly decorated
34 Logical
36 Devil's domain
37 Diploma recipient
38 Comic Jay
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42 Talk on and on
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Solution time: 25 mins.

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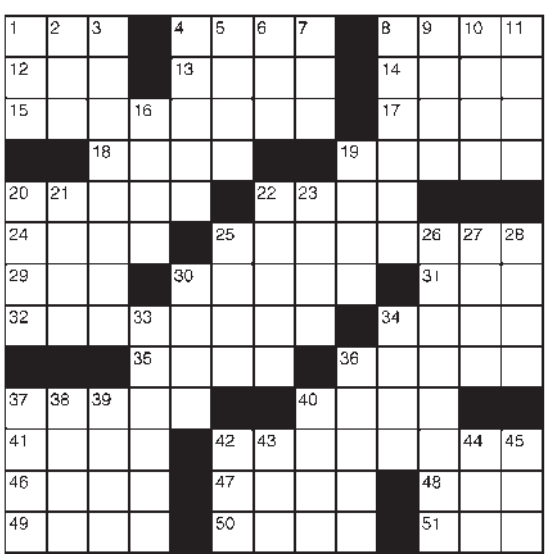

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chelsea Zhang, 26; Sean "Love" Combs, 53; Matthew McConaughey, 53; Ralph Macchio, 61.

Happy Birthday: Be open about your feelings and what's important to you. Share your thoughts and intentions, clarify what changes you want to make and put your plans in motion. Check out how much things will cost and set a budget to ensure you finish what you start. Make a passionate plea to someone you love to work with you to build a workable lifestyle together. Your numbers are 9, 15, 23, 25, 32, 37, 43.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Check out your resources; you'll find something that interests you. Knowing what's trending in your field of expertise will give you the edge you need to outsmart your peers. Be careful when traveling, dealing with institutions and handling sensitive matters. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* A change will give you the boost you need to get things done. Avoid negative people who try to bring you down. Pay attention to the way you look, how you feel and who you love. Make romance a priority. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Discipline, determination and keeping a low profile will get you where you want to go. Don't believe everything you hear or buy into someone else's dream. Put your energy where it counts; you'll get the desired rewards. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* An emotional incident will crush your plans. Choose your words carefully and lay out reasonable procedures. Sticking to the truth and doing things that make you feel good about yourself will deter others from interfering with your goals. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Think twice before you start a conversation with someone who doesn't share your generational ideas or beliefs. You'll get further ahead if you recognize what others want and accommodate them without disclosing personal information. Handle relationships carefully. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Get together with like-minded people to share information. Talks will lead to positive changes and teach you something that will help you make a difference to someone you love or something that concerns you. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Focus on something you enjoy doing; you'll make new friends and learn something. Practice makes perfect, and repeating something you enjoy doing will help you gain respect and encourage you to turn your talent into a lucrative pursuit. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Take care of domestic responsibilities before someone complains. Lay out a detailed plan that is easy to follow and let everyone sign up for what they can contribute. Being organized will make you take control and get things done on time. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Show interest in what others do, but don't agree to something that isn't your preference. Set a course that encourages you to put your discipline where it belongs and to set goals that favor professional gains. Don't give in to manipulative tactics. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* You'll hear of something that will help you get what you want. This unique opportunity will give you the chance to work with stellar individuals. Don't hesitate; if you like what you see, make your move and don't look back. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Use discipline to get where you want to go. Hard work will pay off, and walking away from situations that are going against your beliefs will give you the freedom to live life your way. Don't risk your health or emotional well-being. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Stick to your plan and refuse to let others cost you mentally, physically or financially. An unexpected change will turn in your favor if you are honest in your response and dedicated to your pursuit. Set the standard and stick to your plan. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are insightful, creative and loving. You are devoted and capricious.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 11/04

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/28

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

RIDING A TRACTOR **Solution: 10 letters**

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Yesterday's Answer: Schedule

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Javier, Astros pitch 2nd no-hitter in World Series history

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Hammered the night before, Cristian Javier and the Houston Astros desperately needed to figure how to keep Bryce Harper and the Phillies in the ballpark.

How about a no-hitter, would that do?

Javier and Houston's bullpen combined on just the second no-hitter in World Series history, silencing a booming lineup and boisterous fans as the Astros blanked the Phillies 5-0 Wednesday night to even the matchup at two games each.

"You get slapped in the face yesterday and you want to come back today and make a statement," closer Ryan Pressly said.

The only previous no-hitter in the World Series was a perfect game by Don Larsen of the New York Yankees against the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1956.

Javier and three relievers weren't perfect in Game 4, but they were close.

Plus, they'd done this before: Javier, the starter in a combined no-hitter against the New York Yankees in June, was pulled with a no-hitter in progress after six innings and 97 pitches this time.

Bryan Abreu, Rafael Montero and Pressly each followed with a hitless inning for the first combined no-hitter in postseason play. They totaled 14 strikeouts in ensuring this year's championship will be decided this weekend back at Minute Maid Park.

Soon after J.T. Realmuto weakly grounded out to end it, the quartet of pitchers posed with catcher Christian Vázquez near the visiting dugout, each putting a hand on the game ball for a photo. It's a picture no one could've envisioned 24 hours earlier, when Philadelphia clubbed a Series record-tying five home runs in a 7-0 romp in Game 3.

"That's crazy, man," Vázquez said. "It was special."

The four pitchers and Vázquez also signed a ball headed to the Hall of Fame.

Javier said his parents predicted Tuesday night he was going to throw a no-hitter. The 25-year-old righty from the Dominican Republic said his father, Cecilio Javier, arrived in the United States on Tuesday, and this was the first time his dad saw him pitch.

"I just came out holding onto God, trying to be positive, trying to attack the strike zone," he said via translator. "Thanks to God I was able to accomplish that."

In 2010, Roy Halladay pitched a no-hitter for the Phillies in the NL Division Series, also here at Citizens Bank Park. Halladay's gem came against a Cincinnati team managed by Dusty Baker, Houston's current skipper.

"Oh, yeah, I was on the other end in this ballpark. I mean, that's what's strange about life," Baker said.

With Larsen and the Houston combo, those are the only three no-hitters in the postseason.

The closest the Phillies came to a hit was in the third inning, when Kyle Schwarber grounded a hard foul past first base. On fair balls, nothing.

"It's cool," Schwarber said, sarcastically. "We'll be in the history books I guess."

Game 5 is on Thursday night in Philly. Astros ace Justin Verlander will again chase that elusive first World Series win when he faces Noah Syndergaard.

They can only hope to pitch as well as Javier.

By the time the 25-year-old righty exited, the only hit maker on the Philadelphia side who showed up on the scoreboard was rocker Bruce Springsteen, pictured surrounded by Phillies fans.

And a few innings later, as fans started leaving the stadium, there actually were boos for postseason star Harper and the Phillies. First lady Jill Biden, a noted Phillies fan, was among those in the crowd of 45,693 who had little to shout about.

"For me? I mean, a loss is a loss," Phillies manager Rob Thomson said. "That's the way I kind of look at it."

Alex Bregman delivered the hit Houston desperately needed, a two-run double in a five-run fifth inning, and that was plenty for the Astros.

Completely in charge, Javier struck out nine, walked two and hardly allowed any loud contact. He tamed a club that had been 6-0 at home this postseason while hitting 17 home runs.

"New day, new opportunity," Abreu said. "What happened yesterday stays in the past. Today is a new opportunity."

Opponents hit only .170 against Javier during the regular season, the lowest mark in baseball among pitchers with at least 130 innings.

"When I first met him he told me he had a disappearing fastball and I'm like, `There is no such thing.' But I guess so," Baker said.

Javier threw 70 fastballs and the Phillies barely touched him.

"I think it's the best fastball I've ever seen," Vázquez said.

Very still on the mound, Javier carved his own quiet spot in the middle of the Phillies' storm. Backing off onto the grass, straightening his hat, rubbing the ball, taking deep breaths, he proceeded at his own pace.

Next year, Javier won't be able to work quite this way. Major League Baseball is instituting a pitch clock — 15 seconds to throw with the bases empty, 20 with someone on — and Javier often surpassed those limits on this evening, drawing boos from a crowd eager for action.

This performance by Javier came a year after Atlanta's Ian Anderson was taken out after pitching five hitless innings against Houston.

Philadelphia was no-hit by five New York Mets pitchers in April, one of several crushing losses that led to manager Joe Girardi's firing two months later.

"We came back the next day and won," said Thomson, then the bench coach. "So these guys, they got a short memory."

This was the fourth no-hitter of the season — two combos by the Astros, the team effort by the Mets and the only individual effort, by Angels rookie Reid Detmers.

Maybe it was the team's switch to orange tops, or the lucky lunch Baker had at a Philly hoagie spot, but the Astros sure looked different than the previous night, when they got shut out on a feeble five singles.

Blanked for 16 innings, Bregman and the Astros chased Aaron Nola in their big fifth.

Houston's hits resonated far away, too.

Chants of "Let's go, Astros!" erupted when highlights and the score were shown at the Toyota Center as the Houston Rockets hosted the Los Angeles Clippers in an NBA game.

And there figure to be Astros cheers at NRG Stadium in Houston on Thursday night when the Texans take on the Philadelphia Eagles, the NFL's only unbeaten team, in a matchup that'll be played at the same time as Game 5.

It was quiet in Philly, though, as fans who came wanting to see a win were reduced to merely hoping for a hit.

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INVITATION FOR BID

SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF TYPHOON RATED DOORS, WINDOWS, AND SHUTTERS - DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, SAIPAN OFFICE ON AGING CENTER

ITB22-GOV-42300006

The Office of the Governor, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), through the Governor's Authorized Representative (collectively, "Commonwealth"), on behalf of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs is soliciting sealed bids for the supply and installation of typhoon rated doors, windows, and shutters at the Saipan Office on Aging in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The ITB package will be available starting **November 4, 2022**, at the Office of the Governor, HMGP Office, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950 between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Government observed holidays upon presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CNMI Treasury by cash or credit in the amount of $50.00 for the ITB package set.

All interested bidders must include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid package to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Pohnpei Way, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Bidding procedures shall fully comply with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, revised through May 24, 2001, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor, and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

There will be a pre-bid meeting for this project on **November 21, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Saipan Office of Aging. Questions or requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Leona Deleon Guerrero, Program Manager, via email at ldlguerrero@omb.gov.mp no later than **November 28, 2022.** Responses to questions or clarification will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **ITB22-GOV-42300006 Supply and Installation of Typhoon Rated Doors, Windows, and Shutters - Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Saipan Office on Aging Center.** One original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST, December 7, 2022.** Bidders outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days to receive their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement Services no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST December 7, 2022**, must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to **bidintent@dof.gov.mp.** For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 7, 2022**, and mailed to the Director of Procurement Services P.O. BOX 510008 CK, Saipan MP 96950 and the bid documents must be received no later than **December 14, 2022**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be a cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950, at **10:00 a.m. ChST, December 21, 2022.** However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open and read at **10:00 a.m. ChST, December 7, 2022.**

Bids higher than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the proposal. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable to the Government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety satisfactory to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and ITB Number and a notation on the face of the cheque: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Before the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit the following:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has the authority to issue a bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the Procurement Services Director, to substitute an acceptable bond before executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only 1) Cash, 2) U.S. Government Securities, 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on U.S. Security Exchange, 4) Real property owned in fee simple in the U.S.; and 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completing this project is 270 calendar days upon issuing a Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be $100.00/day.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the CNMI.

The Government reserves the right to reject any proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the CNMI. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Patrick C. Guerrero
Governor's Authorized Representative

Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Director
CNMI Procurement Services

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-23-001

Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Chinatown and Navy hill)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Chinatown and Navy Hill) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of the installation of gravity sewer main, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, and the installation of sewer manholes.

The project is funded by a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and CUC. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from ARPA.

CUC requires the project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **$200.00** for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **October 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-23-001, Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Chinatown and Navy Hill)"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 7, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the Unites States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract.

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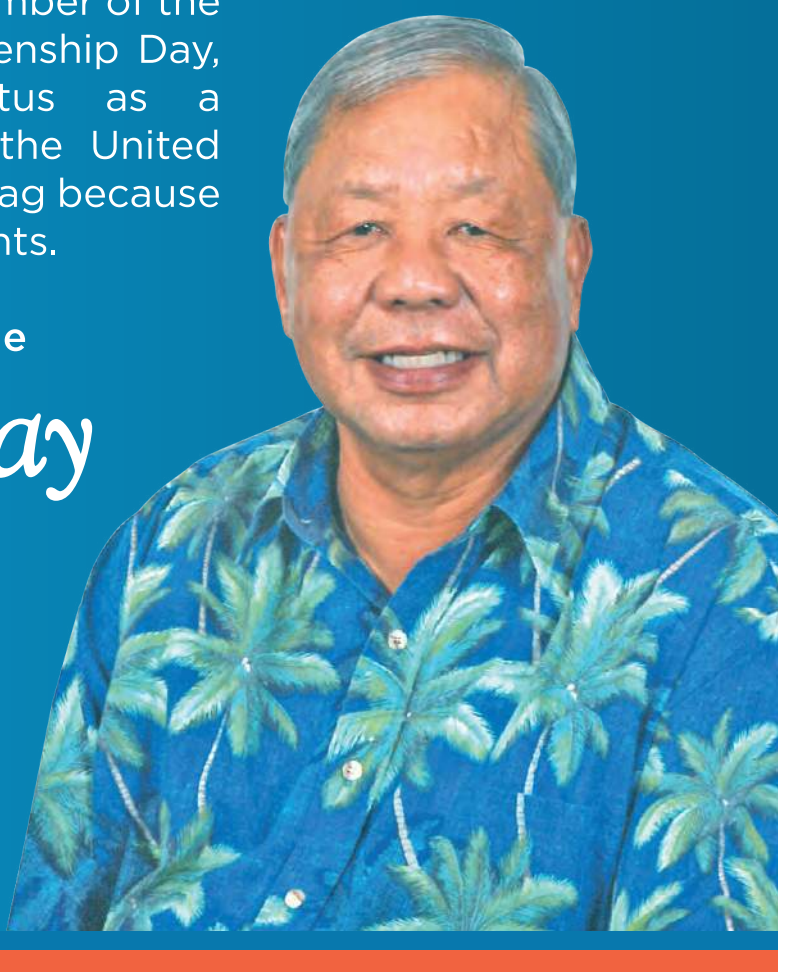
MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVID MUNDO APATANG ON CITIZENSHIP DAY

Our citizenship identifies us as being a member of the mightiest nation in the world. This Citizenship Day, we mark a milestone in our status as a Commonwealth in political union with the United States of America. We pledge to the U.S. flag because we are a citizen of a nation that it represents.

Enjoy a safe and very memorable

Citizenship Day



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TanHoldings Classic kicks off today

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The 12th TanHoldings Tennis Classic starts today at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

The opening week of the competition will feature the future of CNMI tennis duking it out for age group supremacy.

In the boys 16, David Kwon is the No. 1 seed with No. 2 Cody Shimizu on the opposite side of the 16-player draw. June Yu and Simon Tang are the third and fourth seeds, respectively.

Irin Chung is the top seed in the girls 16 with Hoo Wang coming in as the second seed in the eight-player draw.

No. 1 seed Si Woo Lee banners the 16-player field in the boys 14, followed by Yutaka Kadokura (2), Tarhir Shakir (3), and Jai Li (4).

In the girls 14, the eight-player field is led by No. 1 seed Hannah Chae with No. 2 Anne Lee giving her the biggest challenge.

Eamon Tang is the top seed in the boys 14 with Jinho Cody Park, Michael Min Joon Jeon, and Daniel Kang cracking the Top 4.

The girls 12 are led by Emma Lang and Stella Choi as the first and second seeds, respectively.

The boys 10 will have three players competing for the age group championship—Jackson Koning-Fong, Cooper Koning-Fong, and Seung Woo Lee.

Aside from singles competition, the youth tourney on Week 1 will also feature doubles play in the boys and girls 16 age group.

Kwon

PIC Dodgeball for kids on Nov. 19

Pacific Islands Club Saipan will be hosting its annual Dodgeball Tournament For Kids. All elementary grade school children are invited to this day-long tournament; however, there is a 16-team limit. It will be first come, first served.

There will be a pool play seeding tournament in the morning. The elimination bracket will begin in the afternoon. All of this will take place on the PIC tennis courts on Nov. 19 starting at 8:30am.

Pacific Trading Co., Bridge Capital, LLC, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan have made generous donations to the tournament this year.

Participating teams are asked to roster a total of 10 elementary grade students with at least two girls. Opening rush starts with six players each on both sides of the courts and two ball retrievers per team. Games will be filled with ball dodging action and excitement as these chosen students represent their respective schools, clubs, family, village, organization, etc to bring home the pride and prizes. The champions this year will take home $500 worth of sporting equipment and trophies!

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A file photo from the Dodgeball Tournament For Kids Pacific Islands Club Saipan hosted in 2017.

"We hope to see the team sponsors come in strong and do their best working together as a team, promote good sportsmanship, and healthy exercise. Dodgeball has always been one of my favorite sports that I played with my friends when I was young," said PIC Saipan general manager, Dennis Seo. "I am looking forward to seeing all the kids come out and play!"

"Kids! It's time to take a break from your mobile devices. Time to come outside, pick up a ball, and have some fun dodging, ducking, diving, and throwing some dodgeballs!" said tournament director Dennis Tababa.

For tournament information, please contact Dennis Tababa at 237-5148 or email dennis.tababa@picsaipan.com. ***(PR)***

Southern United FC bests MPU FC in U16 girls

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Southern United Football Club bested MPU Football Club, 6-2, in Week 6 of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 last Saturday at the Northern Mariana Islands Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Even with MPU drawing first blood in the 10th minute they couldn't keep the momentum as Southern United's Pia Newakl scored three minutes later to tie up the game. Newakl found the back of the net again in the 20th minute with Fiona Regan of MPU tying it up again three minutes later.

Newakl finished the hat-trick in the 29th minute after teammate Vaniqa Torres added another goal for a game of 4-2. MPU could not score any more goals as they fell to the Southern United girls, with Brianne Echalico scoring in two more for the final score of 6-2.

Results of the Week 6 U13 boys and girls competitive divisions will be posted in the next edition of *Saipan Tribune*.

Kanoa FC 15, Paire 0

Kanoa Football Club shut down Paire Football Club, 15-0, in the second U16 girls game of the day.

Aubrey Castro of Kanoa scored four of the 15 points for her team; teammates Kaithlyn Chavez and Ye Lynn Ha scored three each, Beatrice Gross and Deseha Mendiola scored two apiece, and Sophia Quintos contributed one.

Paire, tried as they might, could not retaliate and ended the game with a goose egg on the board.

U16 BOYS
MPU FC 3, Matansa 2

MPU Football Club put one more goal than Matansa to win, 3-2.

MPU's Cody Shimizu put all the goals in for a complete hat-trick, with Sean Gil and Heman Addy scoring the two goals for Matansa. TanHoldings FC, meanwhile, defeated Shirley's FC via forfeit.

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islands' its second regulation-sized pitch.

Other events included in the NMIFA Activity Report was the NMI's participation in the AFC U20 Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers in Jordan and AFC U17 Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers in Australia, and the regular programs of the NMIFA for grassroots, youth, men's, women's, national team, and technical officials.

Yosuke Mihara, Asian Football Confederation's head of the East Asia Unit, Member and Regional Association Department, observed the 12th Ordinary Congress online and was pleased to see yet another milestone achieved by the NMIFA.

"We've been witnessing the CNMI soccer development through the NMIFA Congress, CNMI team's participation in AFC competitions, domestic competitions, the different events the NMIFA organizes, and its social responsibility activities. We are so proud to see the passion, joy, and dedication demonstrated by the CNMI football family and we are confident that CNMI football will further grow," said Mihara, who congratulated Sablan and Attao and also acknowledged former NMIFA Executive Committee member Norman Del Rosario.

Del Rosario, who is now based in Ohio, U.S., also tuned in online at the 12th Ordinary Congress along with observer Bowen Ying of Executive East Asia Unit, AFC MA Division. Del Rosario of MP United Football Club was acknowledged by the NMIFA for his contributions to NMI soccer as member of the Executive Committee for eight years, club official, coach, and manager. ***(PR)***

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games pitched and 85.1 innings pitched– the most of any pitcher, 85 earned runs, 200 hits against him, an even 7-7 standing, and an earned run average of 6.99.

The Top 3 leading pitchers above Hideo are Joe Celis of Hagu La'mun, Eric Palacios of Man Amigos, and John Diaz of Ngaraard Redmen.

For the most runs scored, Hideo is tied at third with 26 together with J.J. Laniyo and Paul Salalila. Maratita is right behind him with 24. Ranked first is John Terlaje with 29, followed by Jeff Cruz and Clint Quitugua with 27 each.

Hideo is also tied for third with the most runs batted in with 34 together with Eric Palacios. Maratita is tied in fourth place with John Taitano with 28 each. First place is J.J. Laniyo with 39 and Jeff Cruz is second with 36.

In other results, the most triples made went to Lefty Shiro with six; Ben Mesa followed with five, Mike Tomokane with four, tied with three are Derrick Sasamoto, John Taitano, Mark Villagomez, and Suo Matsutaro, and tied with two are Clint Quitugua, Joe Lizama, Paul Salalila, and Jeff Cruz.

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1938, according to Asai.

"Our aim for this event is to encourage the younger generation to engage in ocean activities by giving them a safe and fun experience," he said.

While participants don't get to keep the vintage coins they've salvaged, top treasure hunters get to take home prizes including gift certificates from sponsors for hobie cat cruising, kayak/SUP board rentals, snorkeling lessons, food tickets, flashlights, cooler bags, portable fish scales, masks and snorkel sets, and more.

So far, Asai said 42 have registered for the Underwater Treasure Hunt out of the 100 slots available for the event.

The event starts at 1pm with registration followed by a briefing at 1:30pm. The Underwater Treasure Hunt officially gets underway at 2pm and ends at 3pm.

Asai also asked participants to practice water safety at all times during the event.

"Join at your own risk because we will have safety divers around but it does not mean we can guarantee 100% safety," he said.

Organizers will also prepare drinking water in a cooler jug so participants should bring their own bottles (no glass bottles are allowed by Parks & Recreation), as AQUASMITH and Islands Keepers try to minimize the use of plastic or any trash.

"We really want to encourage the younger generation to engage in ocean activities, so they can be interested in any kind of fishing and marine activities, or marine life, environment, etc. We want to do this annually and see the results every decade," he said.

Asai would like to thank the following sponsors of the first-ever Underwater Treasure Hunt and they are the following: Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, Tasi to Table, Fishing Tackle, Saltys Saipan, FishGuyz Scuba & Charter, Oleai Beach Bar & Grill, Dayoff, Seawind Marine Sports, Zen Corp., Aqua Connections, Marianas Apnea Spearfishing Club, Division of Coastal Resources Management, and Division of Parks and Recreation.

For more information about the Underwater Treasure Hunt, call (670) 233-5055 or email aquasmith111@gmail.com. To register, copy and paste the link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKDDiIADC6k0Ud2QN9I5h3FbdUwvaqXbnjo4tkXVMd7sAnNw/viewform?fbclid=IwAR1AD2Bkv0rq7t0B5kVvVpJZbd_JyHp-S8NFFIaxUCztFu6Tf-cLnMd-B7m4.

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NMIFA holds 12th Ordinary Congress

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association Executive Committee officers and members and NMIFA officials pose for a photo, left, at the conclusion of the 12th Ordinary Congress last Oct. 28 at Crowne Plaza Hotel. Right photo shows NMIFA-club members officers voting to adopt the agenda for the congress.

The Northern Mariana Islands Football Association marked its 12th Ordinary Congress with the election of two members of the NMIFA Executive Committee and presentation of various activities for the past season.

TanHoldings Football Club president Alex Sablan and Kanoa Football Club vice president Catherine Attao were elected to the NMIFA Executive Committee in the 12th Ordinary Congress held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel last Oct. 28, joining NMIFA president Jerry Tan, vice president Vickie Izuka, and member Wesley Bogdan on the group. Sablan is a new member of the NMIFA Executive Committee, while Attao has been reelected and will be serving her second term.

» Elects Sablan, Attao to Executive Committee

Both Sablan and Attao are thankful for the vote of confidence and look forward to fulfilling their duties and responsibilities to help the NMIFA achieve its goals in the coming years. Attao has been leading the NMIFA Dove Women's League in the last two years and was instrumental in the rebranding and inclusion of a cultural component to the program. Sablan has been working with the NMIFA for the NMI Soccer Training Center Expansion Project.

The groundbreaking of Phase 2 of the NMI Soccer Training Center Expansion Project in March this year was among the highlights of the presentation of NMIFA activities. A day after the Ordinary Congress took place, the NMIFA inaugurated the expansion project, giving the

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Maratita, Hideo lead home run race

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Team Sufa's Audie Maratita from and Asahi's Dominic Hideo share the top spot in the home run race for the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League as of Oct. 23.

Both hard hitters have rocketed the ball out of the park 12 times, with Mike Techur and Eric Palacios right behind them with 11 each. Pete Sablan and Jeff Cruz have 10 each, Jude Dickenson has nine, and Paul Salalila has eight.

Maratita is also the leading batter in the division with Hideo in third place. Maratita went to bat 39 times and connected with the ball 31 times for a batting average of almost .800 at .795. Hideo has 43 at bats, 31 hits, and a .721 average. In second is Cartfield Sablan with 40 at bats and 29 hits for an average of .725.

Additionally, Maratita is tied in fourth place with six doubles along with Greg Magofna, Ben Hocog, Cartfield Sablan, and John Acosta. Above them are Tim Wesley with 10, John Taitano with nine, and Jun Lizama and J.J. Laniyo with seven each.

Hideo is a star utility player as along with the bat, he also controls the mound with 32 strikeouts. He is ranked the No. 4 leading pitcher with 14

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LEIGH GASES

Team Sufa's Audie Maratita currently is the batting leader and tied for No. 1 for the most home runs of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League.

Underwater Treasure Hunt tomorrow

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AQUASMITH Spearfishing general manager Morito Asai and store manager Eunice O. Kikku show the prizes for tomorrow's Underwater Treasure Hunt.

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AQUASMITH Spearfishing and Islands Keepers CNMI will host its first ever Underwater Treasure Hunt tomorrow at Pau Pau Beach in San Roque.

The underwater adventure is open to both adults and children and will be a scavenger hunt for real vintage coins, according to AQUASMITH Spearfishing general manager Morito Asai.

Organizers have specially ordered 100 silver coins and 15 gold coins for participants of the treasure hunt to search for. Participants can only use masks, snorkels, and dive socks to search for the vintage coins. Participants are also encouraged to wear rashguards, long-sleeved shirts, or dab sunscreen on exposed parts of their body for protection from the scorching sun.

The 15 gold coins are 1973-1980 uncirculated Egyptian coins, while the 100 silver coins are Buffalo nickels circa 1913-

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